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FLAME LIGHTS UP BARRY!

PHOTOGRAPH by GLYN EVANS



ABOVE: The Olympic Flame arrived in Barry on May 26 and this group of people on the Island arrived in good time to witness a moment of history. (For more pictures of the day, please turn to page 25).

JUBILEE BEACONS ACROSS THE VALE!

THIS weekend will see people celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee across the Vale and Bridgend, as well as nationally, and Jubilee Beacons will be lit across the country on Monday, June 4, between 10.15pm and 10.30pm.

The following beacons will be lit in our area (the list is on the Queen's Jubilee website and The GEM advises checking locally that events are going ahead as planned):
The Vale:

Cliff Walk, Penarth; Flat Holm Island, Bristol Channel; Hill House Farm, St Mary Hill; Pontyclun; Sully Beach; Tair Croes, Ewenny; The Beacon, Heol Faen, Wick; The Old Beacon Site, Wick; Ty Fry Farm, Pendoylan; Victoria Park Barry;

Cowbridge, St Hilary Downs, is not on the website but is going ahead.
Bridgend and Porthcawl

Rhych Point and Hutchins Point, Porthcawl; Prince of Wales, Kenfig; Bodringall Farm, Coychurch; Newcastle Hill, Bridgend; Cefn Cribwr.

Barry house is hit by a car, for the second time



For Caroline and Chris Broad, there was an awful sense of deja vu last Saturday when a car ended up in their front garden – the same thing happened four years ago.

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Barry family have been left devastated after a car careered through their garden wall and into the front of their house – the second time it has happened in four years!

Caroline and Chris Broad have been told they can't enter the house because it is structurally unsound and the couple have had to move to the Tadross Hotel, while their long-term accommodation is sorted out.

Worse than that, the family has been split up with their 15-year-old daughter, Christie, and family puppy, Red, having to go and live with their older daughter Bernadette in Lombard Street.

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Margaret Alexander

THE respected former leader of the Vale Council, Coun Margaret Alexander, died on May 26, and tributes have flowed into The GEM. Please turn to page 5 for the story.

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Empty homes and a long waiting list

IS HOMES4U still fit for purpose?

In the Vale, there are nearly 900 empty houses and flats, and yet there are 3,000 people on the Homes4U waiting list.

Most of the empty homes are houses in the private sector, but the council have the legal power to confiscate these properties and bring them into public use.

Of the empty council properties that could be used for housing, the

council won't spend the money to bring them up to date, even though they have a duty to do so.

In 2013, housing benefit is being cut for all tenants with an extra bedroom (children under 16 have to share) forcing many families to move to a smaller house and moving away from families and changing schools.

Come on Vale Council, do your duty. **David Johnson, Barry.**

Apathy on fracking?

Complacency has already got its foot in the door of the newly-formed Vale of Glamorgan hung council.

In October 2011, the Vale Council's planning committee voted unanimously to reject the Coastal Oil and Gas company's application to drill a 650-metre plus test well at Llandow Trading estate, in an exploration to search for shale gas.

At the public inquiry in the Barry Docks Council Offices on May 22-23, I would have expected to see many of our freshly-elected and newly-returned councillors present, to lend their support to the electorate

on this dangerous and futile exercise.

Sadly, out of a total of 47 Vale councillors, only two of them turned up.

At the planning meeting in October 2012, councillors were present in abundance, all vying for brownie points to get them elected at the elections on May 3.

Within barely a month, it would appear that complacency has yet again won the day.

However, I would like to thank Coun Gwyn John and Coun Ray Thomas for their undeniable concern and support at the inquiry.

Barrie V Evans (Independent)
Barry First Group coordinator.

'Big Society' is already here!

IF Prime Minister David Cameron cared to examine the fantastic work done by voluntary organisations all over the UK, he would realise his much-trumpeted Big Society already exists.

Just two examples from Barry: A 'full house' at St Mary's Church was regally

entertained by a joint concert given by the Barry Male Voice Choir and their visitors from Newport, Shropshire. In keeping with the music, our spirits soared.

Then I heard that the newly-elected Independent Vale councillor Richard Bertin was donating five percent of his pay to charity.

These people care about Barry and its people. Well done!
Derek Hooper, Barry

Thank you!

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to the person who found a carrier bag I left on the number 96 bus a few weeks ago.

The bag contained my works pass and a package that needed posting. Not only was my works pass handed in, but the package was posted and paid for! What a truly nice person you are. **Malcolm Wilson, Barry.**

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AFTER THE ELECTIONS, THE NEW VALE COUNCIL FACES A PRESSING QUESTION

Three years on, where are the traffic wardens in the Vale?

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council were informed by the police in 2009 that they would end traffic warden duties.

Three years on, the council are still waiting for the Welsh Government to give them the powers to become a civil enforcement authority, which would allow them to enforce fines for illegal parking.

Three years on, and the perception amongst motorists in the Vale is, if you can't find a legal parking space, then park it illegally – resident parking bays, loading bays, double yellow lines – in fact, park wherever you like, because the

police do not have the resources, and detection is very unlikely.

Three years on, and many people's lives are made a misery when they can't park outside their own homes with a permit – and the police have always got something far more important to do than give them a ticket.

We now have the Labour Party in control of the council and their pledge in The GEM prior to the election was to reintroduce traffic wardens.

I hope it's not going to be another three years before they honour it!
Tony Leat, Barry.

'When it comes to wasting energy – Vale leads the way!'

ON an afternoon of blazing sunshine last week, I went to the Vale's Dock Offices at Barry for the public inquiry into test drilling for gas at Llandow.

Also blazing away were all the lights in the room (I counted 52), plus lights in the women's toilets, and everywhere else that I went in the building, regardless of the more-than-adequate sunlight streaming through the windows.

Coastal Oil and Gas' planning consultant stated that shale gas is

essential as a "transition fuel" to supply our energy "needs".

Last week was Sustainability Week in Wales.

I read on the Vale website that "the council has signed the Welsh Government's Sustainable Development Charter and is working hard to be more sustainable and encourage local residents and businesses to think about how they can also make changes to be more sustainable."

Hmm...
Annie Paine, Llantwit Major

'Big Lottery' boost your community!

RURAL communities in Wales are being offered grants of up to £50,000 to start up community business ventures that will breathe new life into their areas.

The money is from Big Lottery Fund's Village SOS scheme, which aims to inspire a rural revival across the UK and support rural communities that may be struggling with issues such as isolation, ageing populations, and the closure of local amenities.

The grants, of between £10,000 and £50,000, are available to help rural communities with fewer than 3,000

people, to develop plans for enterprising projects that will answer a local need or improve services for local people.

Projects could be anything from community-run shops and pubs, to energy or transport schemes, craft or food projects.

People can register at www.villagesos.org.uk where they will find more information and advice about community enterprises, including an online support network.

The deadline for application forms, which can be downloaded after registration, is 2pm on Wednesday, September 12.

John Rose, Wales Director, Big Lottery Fund.

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'AIRPORT MUST GROW AGAIN'

THERE has been a lot of debate recently about Cardiff Airport and how it should improve. I must say that I fully agree with the comments that have been made and I, too, feel that something should be done to improve this important Welsh airport.

We need more focus on business and tourism. In its current form, the airport gives a bad impression of Wales and is badly losing passengers as it is not focussed

enough. So perhaps it is time for the current owners Aberbris to sell up and for a new company to move in?

I sincerely hope that the newly-appointed Debra Barber will now make a difference at the airport and hopefully bring new routes and jobs.

There must be a way of providing an alternative to Bristol Airport – Cardiff was doing really well at one time, but recently progress has been stagnant and all this can be put down to poor decision-making.

Cardiff Airport must now grow again!
Coun Richard Bertin, Barry, Independent, Vale Council.

Buttrills thanks

THANK you on on behalf of myself and Mike Harvey, to all those wonderful people who voted for us in Buttrills for the May election.

We'd like to issue a big thank you to everyone for your commitment to the community.

We also to offer congratulations to Margaret Alexander and Stuart Egan on their re-election once more.

Thomas Burley, Conservative candidate, Buttrills
GEM note: Sadly, Coun Alexander died on May 26 and tributes are paid to her on page 5.

Well done, Llantwit FC!

HUGE congratulations to all those people connected with Llantwit Major Football Club after their historic win on Saturday against Sully.

It was fantastic to see so many former Llantwit players at Bryntirion Football Club, supporting the team on their way to the Welsh League.

Tim Watts and his boys did us proud.
Dave Roberts, Llantwit Major.

Thank you to Sully

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Sully and Lavernock for the support they offered me in the recent county borough council elections, which enabled me not only to be successful, but to

attain the position with such a significant majority.

Thanking you again for your support and I look forward to the challenges ahead of me as your councillor for Sully and Lavernock.
Coun Bob Penrose, Independent, Sully ward

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
31 Thur	02.41	8.5	15.24	8.4
01 Fri	03.44	8.6	16.27	8.7
02 Sat	04.47	9.1	17.24	9.2
03 Sun	05.45	9.4	18.16	9.7
04 Mon	06.46	9.8	19.12	10.1
05 Tues	07.37	10.1	20.03	10.2
06 Wed	08.29	10.0	20.51	10.2
07 Thur	09.17	9.8	21.38	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Penarth remembers its Second World War hero



LEFT: Among the guests for the official unveiling of the plaque to Guy Gibson were (from left to right) Duncan Cantlay, Deputy Lieutenant; Sqdn. Ldr. Faulds, MoD St Athan; Coun Anthony Ernest, the Mayor of Penarth; Mrs. Gaynor Ernest, and the Rev Malcolm Davies, Town Mayor's Chaplain.

PENARTH Town Council has honoured one of Britain's great war heroes, Wing Commander Guy Gibson, the leader of the legendary Dambusters' Raid.

A memorial plaque was unveiled at West House in Gibson's memory. He had strong connections to the town of Penarth.

Guy Gibson was the Commanding Officer of 617 Squadron, which he led in

the Second World War's most famous raid. Operation Chastise took place in 1943, when the Dambusters' destroyed two dams in the Ruhr area of Germany.

The Mayor of Penarth, at the time of the unveiling, Coun Anthony Ernest, explained that he thought the honour was long overdue.

"I had felt for some time that Penarth needed to formally recognise its connection with one of World War Two's greatest

heroes, Guy Gibson V.C., and the Town Council agreed that we should rectify that omission.

"Gibson's association with the town is now well recorded, his wife having come from Penarth and Gibson's subsequent marriage to her at All Saints Church.

"I am very pleased that we have been able to mark this through the plaque that we have unveiled today."

Retiring Mayor thanks Penarth public for their contribution to charities



Retiring Mayor of Penarth, Coun Anthony Ernest, thanked the people who contributed to his charity appeals for the year 2011-12.

THE important role of our Armed Forces was emphasised by retiring Mayor of Penarth, Coun Anthony Ernest, when he reflected on his year in office at the annual meeting of the town council.

He was also keen to

thank the people who had made contributions to his two chosen charities for the year, Ashgrove School and Help for Heroes.

Coun Ernest explained that at the beginning of his year of office, early in the summer of 2011, he had been proud to represent the town at a number of events which paid tribute to the Forces.

Coun Ernest said: "We were privileged to join the company of HMS Cambria at Cardiff Castle, where for the very first time they were granted the honour of carrying out the 'Ceremony of Divisions', the annual inspection by the CO and visiting naval officers – a great occasion!"

"That week, was also an occasion to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion at a garden party in Dyffryn Gardens.

"A real highlight of June was also the inaugural Armed Forces Day in Penarth, which I had brought about with the help of local Service units, Cadets and the Royal British Legion.

"On a bright and warm Wednesday evening, a parade of a couple of hundred people marched proudly through the town centre, and I was privileged to take the salute in company with invited guests and senior officers.

"It was an event watched by a good number of Penarth's citizens for the first time."

On September 9, Coun Ernest unveiled a plaque at the Cardiff Bay Barrage dedicated to the merchant seamen

of Penarth who died in the two World Wars.

Among the many community events the former mayor attended during his year in office, Coun Ernest was keen to highlight Ashgrove School's sports day, Penarth's 'Summer Festival', the official re-opening of the Paget Rooms and the rededication of All Saints Church by the Archbishop of Wales, following a £500,000 refit.

In April this year, Coun Ernest also attended a 104th birthday for Alice a local resident at a local home for the elderly and celebrated Penarth RFC's publication of a comprehensive history of the club.

A local and national charity both benefited from his year in office.

Coun Ernest explained: "This year I chose Ashgrove Special School and Help for Heroes, the splendid charity for severely disabled servicemen."

"Ashgrove carries out quite incredible work with a large number of children who have special needs. Gaynor and I have visited the school to see the work that the staff do there on a daily basis.

"Help for Heroes provides specialist units for injured servicemen at a number of locations throughout the UK, and gives huge additional support in many ways.

"As an ex-serviceman myself, I have been able to see just what the charity has been able to do for our boys who have had to return from the front line.

"In total, my charity raised £1,436 during this

last year, and I have been along with Gaynor to present cheques to each of these very worthy causes.

"Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to that magnificent sum."

How much would a Spitfire cost today?

MEMBERS of Penarth Aviation Society will have a chance to question a panel of experts about aeroplanes and flying at their next meeting on Friday, June 1.

Why, for instance, was Concorde, the aeroplane everyone loved to watch, discontinued? "Money and politics. The French wanted it cancelled," said Lawrence Ferris, who was an aeronautical technician working on development and research in Filton at the time.

And back to another icon: what would it cost to build a Spitfire today? "At least £1,500,000," Mr Ferris estimates. It takes at least 30,000 man hours, but enthusiasts still build them.

But what are the chances of people one

day being able to strap a flying-pack onto their backs and take to the air for local travel? Pretty thin, according to Mr Ferris. It has been tried: "They make an incredible noise, only stay up a few minutes and unless you get it dead right, you go round and round in ever-decreasing circles, finishing up about a foot above the ground."

Still, never say never! Visitors are welcome to come and join in to put their questions to the experts.

The Penarth Aviation Society meets at Penarth Conservative Club on Friday, June 1, and on the first Friday of every month, at 8pm. Further information from the secretary, David Ephraim, telephone 01446 721321.

Church pastors

Many thanks for your article on Mount Pleasant Baptist Church's 125th anniversary celebrations in The Gem of May, 24.

In case there should be any misunderstanding or puzzlement on the part of any of your readers, would you please make it clear that the Rev Brian Pemberton was not the Pastor of that church before the Rev Ken Iveson, but the moderator during the interregnum caused by the departure of Pastor David Cocks in the summer of 2001?

Rev Brian Pemberton, Barry

Pharmacy awarded for involvement in asthma project



Pharmacist Laura Ellis is pictured (above, right) with the Barry Co-operative Pharmacy team.

A BARRY pharmacy team has been recognised for its achievements by a prestigious industry award scheme.

The Co-operative Pharmacy in Barry was among three finalists for Asthma Project of the Year 2012 in the Welsh Pharmacy Awards, run by monthly magazine for retail pharmacists, the Welsh Pharmacy Review.

Led by pharmacist Laura Ellis, they were recognised for helping to improve the quality of life for local patients who are living with asthma, and were commended for being

involved with an innovative project which has led to improvement in the care of patients with the condition.

Last year, through a partnership with GlaxoSmithKline and TerraCycle, a specialist recycling company, the Barry pharmacy was one of a number of pharmacies in Wales to introduce Complete the Cycle – Europe's first respiratory inhaler recycling scheme. During

the initial trial period, the team received the highest number of inhalers being returned in Wales.

Laura Ellis said: "I am proud of the team, for the work they have done to help improve the quality of life for people living with asthma."

"Everyone has played a part to drive forward this environmentally-friendly initiative."

Ladies raised £1,200 for cancer research

PORThKERRY Lodge recently held a ladies' night which raised £1,200 for breast cancer research.

Held at the Masonic Temple, Broad Street, Barry, the brethren, ladies and their guests enjoyed an evening of fine dining and were brilliantly entertained by Owen Money and his band.

The host of the evening, Mrs Rosina Butler, wife of the Master W Bro Derek Butler, and around 100 brethren and their guests had a great time dancing well into the night.

They raised almost £1,000 with the raffle and an unusual auction, where brethren of the Lodge auctioned themselves as chauffeur's, chefs, cocktail waiters

and one even auctioned his home for a night's B&B.

Rosina, a member of the Breakthrough Breastcancer CAN local campaign group, was delighted to raise such a large amount of money for what is a very important cause.

All money raised will help fund research into breast cancer and help make the lives of sufferers and survivors and their relatives and dependents easier.

A big thank you to the brethren of Porthkerry Lodge no 6299, our generous sponsors, and all those who attended for making the evening such a success.

Further information on Breakthrough Breast Cancer and its work can be found at: breakthrough.org.uk.

Focus on election

WE want to thank the voters of Colcot, Crogan and Gibbonsdown for their support in the recent Vale Council elections.

Unfortunately, a 24 per cent share of the vote wasn't enough and, in general, Labour appeared to benefit from a slump in the Conservative and Plaid support.

All but three of the Barry councillors are

now Labour so it will be important to monitor their election promises and performance over the next five years.

We will both continue to watch events and the commitments made by those elected and regularly comment publicly whenever we feel it appropriate.

Jeffrey Heathfield and Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY supporters

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'Remarkable, loved, and admired...'

BARRY MOURNS COUN MARGARET ALEXANDER

by TIM CHAPMAN

PEOPLE from all sides of the political spectrum have paid heartfelt tributes to the former Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Margaret Alexander, who died on Saturday, May 26, following a short illness.

Coun Alexander, who represented the Buttrills ward, will be remembered locally as someone who dedicated herself to the needs of others and championed the cause of the underdog.

As recently as the beginning of May, she topped the poll in her ward at the local elections.

The Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt paid tribute to Coun Alexander as an inspiration to her, and someone who had been a tireless local campaigner on numerous local issues.

'COMMITMENT'

Ms Hutt said: "Margaret was a remarkable person, who was

greatly loved and admired in Barry for her unstinting commitment and dedication to her work as a councillor in the Buttrills ward for 17 years.

"She was also Mayor of the Vale County Council in 2005/6, and was the Labour Leader from December 2006 to May 2008.

"During this time, she led, with great skill and diplomacy, a 'Labour-led' coalition, to protect and defend the Vale Social Services, and ensure that money from the Welsh Government was used to undertake a council housing improvement scheme supporting social housing across the Vale.

"Margaret was a great support and inspiration to me from the day I was elected to serve the Vale as the first AM for the constituency.

"Completely clear and honest about her principles, values and convictions, she stood up for social justice and fair play - championing her schools where she was governor, and Gladstone Primary School where she was chair of govern-

nors. Having taught for 30 years before returning to live in her home town of Barry, she became involved in the Labour Party, and stood for election to the new Vale County Council in 1995.

"As chair of the Vale Women's Forum, she campaigned tirelessly for women's rights and equality and was the inspiration behind the 'Dorothy Rees Memorial Lecture', remembering the Labour MP who, like Margaret, was born and brought up in Barry and served her town with distinction.

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"She was admired by all who knew and worked with her across the political spectrum, and greatly respected.

"Her sudden and swift illness was a great shock after a great victory in the May elections, and she will be greatly missed.

"She will go down in history as one of the most remarkable women of the town of Barry."

In the last year of her life, Coun Alexander was campaigning as hard as ever - this time on behalf

of elderly people who had attended the day facilities at Rondel House and had dubbed themselves 'the Castaways' because they had to find a new meeting place.

'MODESTY'

"It was a campaign highlighted by Coun Neil Moore, the Leader of the Vale Council, in his tribute.

Coun Moore said he had been 'devastated' by news of Coun Alexander's sudden death.

"Margaret was a wonderful person who would take on any issue, particularly if it affected the most vulnerable in our community.

"She could be feisty when she wanted to be, but she was also one of the most caring people I have ever met.

"She excelled when striving to beat adversity, as demonstrated when she found alternative venues for the pensioner group, now nicknamed 'the Castaways', who were prevented from attending

Rondel House in Barry.

"Through the help of Margaret and others, they have now found a new venue and are happy in their alternative meeting place.

"I also had the opportunity of serving with her on the Vale Council for the past 17 years.

"During those years, she broke the mould yet again, by becoming the first female Mayor of the Vale, and also the first female Leader of the Vale. She undertook both roles with modesty and dedication."

Coun Moore said that following the recent Vale and town elections, he had been looking forward to continuing to work with Coun Alexander.

"I will dearly miss Margaret, my very good friend. My deepest sympathy goes to Yvonne and Brian who I know will miss her desperately as all of us will."

'HUMOUR'

Close colleague and secretary of the Labour Party in the Vale, Coun Chris Elmore, recalled Coun Alexander's ability to lighten the mood of a meeting.

"I'll remember Margaret for her infectious sense of humour.

"Her quips could bring whole meetings to a stand-still and she always removed tension from a situation with laughter.

"Her kindness to me when I first joined the Labour Party in the Vale, and when I was elected to the Vale Council in 2008, is something I will always be grateful for.

"She was always humble about her achievements.

"Her work with the new 'Castaways Group' was testament to that.

"My heart goes out to her wonderful family, her partner, Yvonne, and brother-in-law, Brian."

Vale MP, Alun Cairns, said her recent election victory showed the respect the local community had for her.

"My deepest sympathy

goes out to Margaret's family and friends.

She was an exceptionally hard working councillor and someone whom I respected enormously. The recent election result showed how well people locally thought of her.

"She will be sadly missed by many people in Barry and beyond the town."

The former Leader of the Vale Council, Gordon Kemp, said that although they were on opposite sides of the political divide, he had great respect for Coun Alexander, and her death was a loss to the community.

"I am deeply saddened to hear of Margaret Alexander's death.

"Although politically we didn't always see eye to eye, I respected her for her views and for her experience and knowledge of the council.

"I believe that her loss will be felt, not only by present and former council colleagues, but by the community of Barry."

Coun Nic Hodges of Plaid told The GEM: "I was so sorry to hear of the untimely passing of Margaret.

"I have served on the Vale Council with her



since 1995 and in that time witnessed her famous wit and party loyalty. She is a loss to the town."

Margaret Alexander's funeral will be held on Thursday, June 7 at All Saint's Church, Park Road, Barry. The service starts at 1.30pm, and will be followed by cremation at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 3pm.

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NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Pupils' lessons in how to relax in the modern world!

STUDENTS at Barry Comprehensive School have been able to experience a variety of activities which have contributed to their 'Making the Most of Leisure Time' unit.

The school was able to get extra funding through the 'PESS' project which encourages pupils to become actively involved in physical recreation.

A school spokesman reports: "The aim of the unit is to introduce learners to a range of leisure activities and encourage them to express their preferences for what they do in their leisure time. The



Cycling along the Taff Trail.

activities have provided an opportunity to experience activities that promote a healthier lifestyle and social interaction.

"The students have had a brilliant time, taking part in a range of new activities at a variety of venues in and around Barry. Activities

included tennis, cycling along the Taff Trail, golf, archery, canoeing, initiative training, kayaking and rafting.

"It has been an amazing experience for all concerned and the students have participated with enthusiasm and have been a real credit to the school."



ABOVE: Taking aim on the archery range at Atlantic College, St Donat's.



Kayaking in the pool at Atlantic College St Donat's

Dinas Powys goes for gold!

THE crowds came out to welcome the Olympic flame through Dinas Powys this week.

The streets were lined with onlookers from the early hours

and the infants school was open to supply bacon rolls and tea for hungry spectators.

The Baptist Church provided a bouncy castle, balloons and other games for the children, helping to make a real community event.



A patriotic youngster awaits the Olympic flame's arrival.

Aberthaw's plan to cut waste gases moves to the next stage

ABERTHAW Power Station has passed the results of a recent public consultation exercise to the Vale Council, as part of its plan to cut nitrous oxide emissions from the plant.

The station has emphasised that its present emissions of NOx gases are within Environment Agency limits.

However, the plan to cut the gases is anticipating stricter regulations, and, therefore, lower limits, in the future.

In a statement, the station manager Phil Allen said: "On May 18, we submitted a planning application to

the Vale Council to construct selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology to Aberthaw Power Station.

"Fitting SCR would reduce the station's NOx emissions. These are gases which are released as a result of the combustion process."

The process works on the same principle as the catalytic converter on a car, and it means that a higher proportion of gases are burned, leaving less waste to be discharged into the atmosphere.

Mr Allen said that if and when the development went ahead, it would "mark another major environmental investment to support the recently installed flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) plant".

He continued: "Our recent drop-in sessions, held in the local area during March, enabled us to discuss our proposals with the local community and answer any questions raised. We would like to thank all those who were able to attend."

"With a combination of SCR, FGD, upgraded steam turbines and biomass capability, Aberthaw Power

Station would fully meet expected future environmental standards.

"By obtaining planning consent to develop SCR at Aberthaw, we would create an important option for securing the power station's longer term future."

The plan would extend the working life of the power station for another 14 years or so.

A company spokesman explained: "The future of Aberthaw from 2016 onwards is dependent on compliance with the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED); the next phase of European environmental legislation. To meet these new requirements, Aberthaw will need to reduce emissions of NOx - gases which are released as a result of the combustion process.

"Fitting SCR will reduce NOx emissions by up to 90 per cent, creating an option to continue operating Aberthaw into the mid-2020s without having to take other action such as limiting the station's operating hours."

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Ian hops on bike to raise money for school's pupils



IAN LIDDIATT, a learning support assistant at Ashgrove Special School, Penarth, has cycled 300 miles from the school's main entrance to Paris, to raise money for new specialised bikes for the bike club.

Using mainly A and B roads, his two-day journey from May 22-23 consisted of 72,000 pedal revolutions and helped him burn 15,000 calories.

His route took in Chepstow, the first Severn Crossing, the outskirts of Bristol and Bath, Warminster, Salisbury, Southampton and Portsmouth, where he slept on the overnight ferry to Le Havre, before cycling through France to Paris on the second day.

There was also the added incentive of some of the school's pupils being present at the Eiffel Tower to cheer Ian home, and his friend Huw Evans joined him on the route (along with a support car) for moral support.

The youngsters kicked off the occasion at a special school assembly, before they formed a guard of honour through the playground, along with new Penarth Mayor Philip Rapier, to cheer Ian off.

He told The GEM: "I can't emphasise how much the pupils drove me on. The send off was outstanding. I was really choked. When I had to meet them at the end, it was phenomenal. It made it all worthwhile."

Ian has competed as a triathlete for ten years, but added that nothing he had done previously could prepare him for the challenge at hand.

He said: "Without a shadow of a doubt it is beyond anything I've ever done."

"The hardest part was waking up on the second day and doing it again. The ferry was delayed and by the time we got on, it was past midnight. I had to be up at 5.30am, so only had five hours' sleep."

"The challenge was multi-layered, there was no margin for error; punctures etc."

ABOVE: Ian Liddiatt, fellow LSA Jules Rowlands and teacher Sue Williams with pupils at the school, some of whom travelled to Paris to cheer Ian home.

Sue Williams, a teacher at the school, who is heavily involved in the bike club, explained how pupils who didn't travel to Paris pitched in with the fundraising through activities like a bucket collection in town, baking rolls and using eggs laid by the school's chickens to sell egg baps in the cafeteria – and a bike ride in the school, using exercise bikes to try and match what Ian was doing on his journey.

She told The GEM: "The PE team set the bikes up and we tried to replicate what Ian was doing on two bikes. Pupils and staff all pitched in doing five minutes, and over the two days we managed to almost match Ian's first days' mileage."

She explained how important owning specialised bikes would be in enabling all their pupils to get involved in cycling, who currently have to go off-site to use rented cycles that are expensive.

"Specially adapted trikes help pupils with balance problems but they are phenomenally expensive."

"They help with fitness and schemes like Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and we also want to run a bike maintenance program for pupils to get involved in."

"They also help boost road safety skills as well as IT and maths skills when working out budgets and setting up clubs."

So far, the Just Giving web page they set up has raised £700, and generous donations have been received outside of this, including £300 from Education Staffing Solutions to cover the cost of the trip.

Readers wanting to help the school reach their target of £2,000 can either visit the website at: www.justgiving.com/ashgrovepenarthtoparis, or text: 'CYCP93 £your amount' to 70070.

LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS

Appeal pulls out all the stops with pipe sponsorship scheme

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Barry, has come up with a novel second phase of their fundraising activities to renovate the church's organ – a pipe sponsorship scheme – beginning this Sunday (May 27).

The organ appeal was launched in May 2011. A total of £70,000 is needed to repair and restore the church's fine pipe organ, and in the first 12 months, over £45,000 has been raised.

This has been achieved through donations, a continuous calendar of fundraising events and successful grant applications.

It is hoped that this new initiative will help to reach the target of £70,000 by end of May 2013.

The organ at All Saints' Church contains over 1,700 pipes. These vary in length from under two feet up to 16 feet.

Single pipe sponsorship ranges from £25 for a small pipe up to £200 for the largest pipes. There is also scope for sponsorship of a whole rank (set) of pipes by organisations or businesses. Pipe sponsorship is a one off donation, not an annual payment.

Suzanne Grover explains:

"Anyone can dedicate a pipe or pipes to a person or persons special to them, both past and present."

"We can all think of someone who has had a positive influence on our lives whom we may wish to remember in this unique way. This opportunity may also be

used to commemorate a special event such as a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, special anniversary or birthday."

"It is also possible to sponsor a gift to someone else or simply to yourself."

All sponsors will receive a commemorative certificate of sponsorship and details of the sponsorship will be recorded in a book of donors which will be a permanent record kept in All Saints' Church for posterity.

The scheme is open to anyone, and support from individuals, businesses or organisations will be very gratefully received.

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College students get chance to work with two top chefs at Fonmon Castle



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ABOVE:
Shan Cothi.



ABOVE and BELOW:
Diners enjoyed the food and entertainment.

TEN lucky catering students recently had the chance to work with two renowned Michelin-starred chefs.

The students from Bridgend College had a close-up view of how Chris Gillard (St John) and Sian Wyn Owen (River Café), prepared for a fine dining experience, catering for 100 guests at Fonmon Castle, in a fundraiser for the National Eisteddfod.

The manager of St John also trained them on how to pour and serve wine, lay the tables, and put through their paces serving.

Canapés and cocktails were prepared by Joe Rowson, head

chef of Arboreal restaurant in Cowbridge.

The evening was co-hosted by the singer and actress Shân Cothi, and actor Stifyn Parri.

Guests were also entertained by Côr Dydd and DJ Andy Powell.

For the two star chefs, it was a return to the Vale, as both went to school in Cowbridge.

Sian Wyn Owen is now the head chef at River Café and Chris Gillard is head chef at St John at Smithfield, went to school in Cowbridge and worked their way through the ranks of various kitchens.

The River Café is a world famous eatery and has been a training ground for many a chef,

including Jamie Oliver.

Sian has worked at the River Café for the past 12 years and has been the head chef for seven. Previously, she worked at Sartoria in Bond Street, and was part of the team who set up and launched The Bluebird restaurant on the Kings Road.

The fifth floor restaurant at Harvey Nichols is another prestigious eatery that she joined after graduating in Human Nutrition from Kings College, University of London.

Chris Gillard has worked at St John restaurant for the past eight years.

This acclaimed restaurant is a regular fixture in both the Michelin Guide and the S

Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants awards.

Chris is responsible for the twice-daily changing menu at St. John, and for the development of new dishes.

Cowbridge restaurant Arboreal provided a warm welcome for diners with cocktails and canapés, including: Bellinis, iced vodka cocktails and elderflower cordial, and fried cockles with lemon and sea salt, stuffed Gordal olives and toasted Marcona almonds with smoked paprika.

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The Broads live on St Bride's Way opposite Gibbonsdown Rise.

The drama took place in the early hours of Saturday morning, May 26, after the couple had gone to bed.

Speaking on Monday morning, Chris said: "It was about 1.15am. I heard a screech of tyres and knew what was going to happen."

The Mitsubishi hit the front garden wall and carried on, striking the front wall of the house where the lounge is situated.

Caroline said: "The house actually shook. It is the second time it has happened - the same thing took place on New Year's Day, 2008 at 6.30 in the morning."

"This time, we jumped up from bed and rang the emergency services - the police, Red Cross and Fire Service all came to the scene."

"The Fire Service told us no-one could go in the house, because it was too dangerous."

"We are waiting for a structural engineer to arrive to assess the house."

"It may have to be shored up before the car is removed."

The family have been left with just the clothes they stand up in.

Caroline explained: "It means that anything we now need in terms of clothes or food, we have to buy. We've already had to go out and buy new underwear and socks."

The couple hope to claim costs back from their house insurance, but it doesn't soften the frustration that in the meantime, they are having to spend money on some things that are inside their house.

The couple say it is the fifth time in total when either their's or a neighbour's house has suffered a similar incident.

Caroline said: "I think I'll end up a nervous wreck. All this could have been prevented if we and the neigh-

bours had been listened to."

They say they are desperate for the Vale Council to examine safety measures at the junction and consider putting special reinforcement in the wall in front of the house.

Local councillor Richard Bertin said he supported calls for extra safety measure to be undertaken by the council.

A neighbour who arrived on the scene within seconds, told The GEM: "It was like a clap of thunder and I thought: 'Not again!'."

Andrew Loosemore, operational manager, highways and engineering at the council, said: "We are very sorry to hear of this incident and pleased to hear that nobody in the property was injured."

"We are currently awaiting details of the incident from the police and, unfortunately, have no further information at this time in relation to the driver of the vehicle."

"The council secured funds, through the Safe Routes in Communities budget, to address safety concerns at this location."

"Following allocation of these funds, the council introduced a 20 mph zone during financial year 2009/10. This included additional cushions on St Brides Way, as well as a plateau at the junction."

Mr Loosemore added: "We have not yet had any information from the police relating to the likely cause of this latest incident; however, once details are received they will be examined by the council's highways and engineering team."

The GEM understands that neither of the Mitsubishi's two occupants was hurt in the incident.

● On Tuesday, an engineer arrived to assess the safety of the house and the Broads were awaiting his decision on what should happen.

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Mrs Iris Groom, 1926-2012



IRIS GROOM.

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the late Mrs Iris Groom, took place at St Mary Hill Church, on Thursday, May 24.

St Mary's Church was full to capacity with neighbours, friends and family, for the funeral of a much-loved lady, who through her life had worked tirelessly for the

underprivileged in society.

Her nursing career began as a teenager and eventually took her to Canada, where she continued caring for others.

Iris was a devout Christian and on many occasions, was asked to conduct a service at Saron Chapel, in the village of Treoes.

As she was so well known, the services would be very well attended.

For many years, Iris may be made to the Sandville Foundation, Sandville Homes in Porthcawl and spent

many years in the St John's Ambulance service.

The service at St Mary's and later at the Coychurch Crematorium were conducted by the Rector, Rev Canon Val Hamer, and Rev Canon Peter Raikes.

Our thoughts at this unhappy time are with Iris's son Ron, daughter Val, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter Francester.

Donations, if desired, may be made to the Sandville Foundation, Sandville Homes in Porthcawl and spent

DOUG HUMPHREY, a World War 2 veteran from Barry, recently celebrated his 90th birthday in hospital, surrounded by nursing staff and balloons

He joined the RAF in 1941 until his demob as a corporal in 1946.

He spent much of his time in the Western Desert, as a motor transport driver (MTD).

Much to his dismay, his selection midway through the campaign, for Lancaster aircrew training as a 'Tail End Charlie' (rear turret gunner) was cut short, as his skills as an MTD

became more vital in the war efforts at that time.

Doug's small stature was well suited to the cramped conditions in the Lancaster Bombers' lonely rear gun turret position.

As the survival rate for a 'Tail End Charlie' was, on average, eight missions, perhaps Doug was fortunate that his course was cancelled.

Doug said that he made and lost many good friends during those years in the RAF.

He was grateful for the camaraderie in those troubled times, but now enjoys a quieter life in retirement.

Cards and well wishes were sent from the Royal Air Forces Association, Barry branch, and the Royal British Legion. GH



RAF Veteran Doug Humphrey celebrated his 90th birthday in hospital recently.

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Henry returns to Wales, to support Ty Hapus

FORMER Wales rugby team coach Graham Henry is set to return to south Wales to visit Ty Hapus, the charity of which he is a patron.

Ty Hapus and Alzheimer's Society worked in partnership to develop the new centre in December 2011, in order to provide respite services and support for people under 65 and their carers.

Day trips, arts and crafts, cooking, music and singing and photography are some of the services that Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers provide at Ty Hapus.

Justine Pickering, whose mother was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's when she was 55, founded Ty Hapus with the aim of raising funds to set up the centre and provide

younger people with dementia with specialist services.

Ellin Jones, Alzheimer's Society support services manager for Cardiff and the Vale, said: "We very much look forward to welcoming Graham Henry to Ty Hapus and to introduce him to people living with dementia, their carers as well as staff, volunteers and supporters."

"Ty Hapus is a wonderful, innovative way to meet the needs of younger people who have a broader spectrum of needs."

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Refurbishment programme to start at hospice

THE Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, is set to begin work on refurbishment plans aimed at improving the standards of privacy and dignity offered to patients and their families.

A spokeswoman said: "Built in 1985, the five-storey hospice was purpose-built to reflect the care standards of its age. "Many of the current facilities are now in need of modernisation to meet the changing needs of patients and to provide a modern environment which meets the high levels of care offered by Marie Curie nursing staff."

"The 11-week refurbishment programme, starting mid-June, will see the existing layout reconfigured to greatly improve in-patient accommodation facilities."

"The changes will see more single occupancy rooms created and all multi-bed ward rooms will include new ensuite shower facilities."

"The existing reception area will be opened up to create a more modern and welcoming open plan space – complete with a large lounge area."

"In addition, new family and visitor rooms will be built across both patient floors, ensuring that families have the necessary space and privacy with which to visit their loved ones."

While the building work is being carried out, the hospice will temporarily re-locate on June 13 to a specially-adapted palliative care unit in Velindre Cancer Centre.

Marie Curie will continue to provide all current services for patients and visitors, including day services and complementary therapies, at the Velindre site. The Marie Curie community nursing service will continue to visit patients in their own homes.

Hospice manager Karen Stephens said: "We're very thankful to Velindre for accommodating us while we carry out a much-needed refurbishment of our hospice in Penarth."

"Every year it costs over £3.7 million, or more than £10,000 a day, to keep the hospice open – we are still very much reliant on our supporters to help raise the funds for running costs."

"The support of the community is vital – both in terms of money and volunteers – to enable us to continue to provide expert care and the best quality of life, totally free, for people with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses."

Running in the sun for Age Concern



ABOVE: Karen and Simone show off their medals at the finishing line.

THE third annual Cardiff 5K fun run took place recently in Bute Park, where hundreds enjoyed the sunshine while running, jogging or walking for their chosen charities.

Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale were one of the fun run's nominated charities, and running to show their support on the day were Karen Steele and Simone O'Reilly.

Both completed the course and were presented with their

medals for taking part.

Karen said: "It was fun to take part, especially as the weather was on our side!"

"I'm proud to have completed the run and even more proud that we have been able to raise much-needed funds to help Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale continue their great work supporting local older people."

Anyone wanting to make a donation can visit: www.age-concern-cardiff.org.uk, or call 02920 527 186.

Paper dove for peace

MORE than 120 people of all ages attended a special Pentecost service at All Saints Church, in Victoria Square, Penarth, on Sunday, May 27.

The service began with the well-known hymn 'Shine Jesus Shine', accompanied by the church orchestra.

Other special musical items included a medley of worship songs with piano and guitar accompaniment, with one song 'Jesus put this song into our hearts' specially arranged by Nigel Lloyd-Latham and featuring a moving violin solo from Tom Sharpe.

The choir, directed by organist John Davies, sang an unaccompanied version of 'Spirit of the Living God' and 'King of All Ages'.

Geoff Snowdon and Tricia Ingram then led a dramatised retelling of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, with sound effects provided by the congregation!

Rev Peter Cox then gave an address, followed by prayers led by the church youth group. When it came to the traditional sharing of the peace, all the children were presented with a paper dove as a sign of peace, which they then passed to other members of the congregation.

The next all-age service at All Saints is at 10am on Sunday, June 24, during which a number of adults and young people will be confirmed by the Right Rev David Wilbourne, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff. **MG**

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PUPILS' SPORTS DAY - AND A BRACING WALK TO SCHOOL!

LAST week was a busy one for pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig.

It included a sports day for the Foundation Phase children. The sun was shining and both children and parents

thoroughly enjoyed the day. Mrs Burns and her team organised sports day for the nursery chil-

dren, Mrs Cross for the reception children and Miss Withey for the year-1 and 2 pupils.

The children took part in an obstacle race, egg and spoon race and the traditional sprint.

Mr Jones, the school deputy, said: "After several cancellations last year, I was delighted for the children, parents and staff that this year's sports day went without a hitch."

"A big thank you goes to everyone who supported, organised and took part - we've booked the same week of weather again next year!"

Walk to School Week!

MORE than 200 children celebrated the recent 'Walk to School Week'.

They enjoyed the

opportunity to walk to school with their friends, parents and teachers. Setting off from either Morrisons Supermarket car park or Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, the 'Walk to School Bus' travelled over a mile to school along a safe route.

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Rugby stars support National Eisteddfod



Tee-lightful day out

ABOVE (left to right): Nicky Robinson, John Huw Williams, Gareth Edwards and Derry Moore at Dinas Powys Golf Club.

On Sunday, May 20, Dinas Powys Golf Club hosted a very successful tournament in aid of the 2012 National Eisteddfod, which will be held in the Vale in August.

Thanks to the support of 17 teams, including rugby celebrities Gareth Edwards and Nicky Robinson, an extremely enjoyable day resulted in £1,500 being raised for the Eisteddfod.

Prizes were presented by former Welsh rugby stars Gareth Edwards and Craig Quinell.

The winning team, captained by Roger Davies, the secretary/manager of the golf club, won four tickets for the Barbarians v Wales rugby match this Saturday.

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Vale AM visits Llamau charity

VALE AM Jane Hutt visited a number of projects during Adult Learners Week, including meeting Llamau youngsters, Tegwen Alsop and David Butcher, who were taking part in the Learning4Life Scheme.

Ms Hutt explained: "Llamau has been providing a

Learning4Life programme successfully, benefiting young people like Tegwen and David, who are keen to further their education and skills.

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Vale business leaders support new warship

THE HMS Dragon Officer's Auxiliary Mess is no longer 'all at sea' as it has found a permanent home for its on-shore mess dinners at the Vale Resort in Hensol.

The Vale Resort is playing host to the quarterly dinners over the coming year, when the auxiliary crew, made up of prominent members of the business community, meet to celebrate their association with HMS Dragon.

HMS Dragon is the Royal Navy's latest state-of-the-art stealth destroyer, which is affiliated to Cardiff. It is one of six Type 45 destroyers, designed to shield a fleet from air attack.

At 152-metres long, its huge flight decks can accommodate helicopters up to the size of a Chinook, with enough space to host up to 60 Royal Marines. It is one of the most advanced warships in the world, and can be deployed anywhere across the globe.

The formation of an OnShore Mess is an initiative of the British Warships Association (BWA), which serves to link Her Majesty's warships with business and communities in the ships' home regions.

Business leaders are



Commander Darren Houston RN from HMS Dragon presents Vale Resort Director, Stephen Leeke (right) with the Ship's Crest.

invited to join the onShore mess and show their support to the Royal Navy. The HMS Dragon onShore mess is headed by Commander John Curteis DL, former Deputy Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan and a local accountant.

The onShore mess has raised more than £55,000 for HMS Dragon through donations and sponsorship in kind, to support the welfare and quality of life on board the ship for its crew.

Commander Darren Houston said: "It is great news that we and the British Warships Association have formed a great friendship with one of the country's premier resort hotels."

"We are delighted that the Vale Resort will be

home to the auxiliary mess dinners. These dinners are a great way to let our supporters hear about HMS Dragon and to continue to build ties with all of our friends in Wales.

"Proceeds from the dinner are donated to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity."

Commander Darren Houston RN and executive officer Lieutenant Commander John FitzPatrick RN, were guests at the Spring Mess Dinner on Friday, May 25, where Stephen Leeke, director of the Vale Resort, was presented with a Ship's Crest, as a token of their appreciation, and as a badge of honour.

Mr Leeke said: "The recent events around the world have emphasised

the importance of our armed forces in the UK.

"We are looking forward to being the HMS Dragon's Auxiliary Crew official onshore wardroom and providing the ship, as well as the business community, with a warm welcome when they are in the area."

HMS Dragon is keen to build further links with its home city of Cardiff and is currently looking for community projects that it can get involved with. Any communities who would like help in kind from HMS Dragon and her crew should get in touch with Stephen Watts from the British Warships Association on 07909 697326 or email steve.watts@bwa.org.uk

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cause.

The charity works to raise aware-
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prostate diseases, together with raising
funds for the latest equipment and
training healthcare professionals.

The charity was nominated by Tim
Vincent at Rockwool, who presented
the cheque to Ray Murray and Andy
Thomas of Glaze at a ceremony early

this year. Rockwool spokesperson
Paula Bateman said: "Rockwool is
delighted to present this cheque to the
Glaze Charity."

"The Charity of the Year pro-
gramme generates great enthusiasm
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Ray Murra thanked the staff at
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OBITUARY

Florence Astrid Snell, a much-loved colleague and friend (1944-2012)

ON May 22, family, friends and GEM colleagues gathered at Coychurch Crematorium to commemorate the life of Florence Snell, a remarkable lady who enhanced the lives of everyone who knew her.

Florence (67) was born in Calcutta, India, on December 14, 1944, and in her later years made her home at Llantwit Major with her husband, Gerry.

She worked for The GEM as a typesetter for more than 12 years, and the sudden death of someone so full of fun and energy has shocked, not only her family and

close friends, but all of her work colleagues.

She led a fascinating life, full of travel and friendships, and knew dozens of people scattered across the globe – from Wales to Australia, and from India to England.

Florence's mother died when she was one-year-old and from 1946 to 1962, she was an infant, and then a pupil at Dr Graham's Home, Kalimpong, a hill station on the Mahabharat Range in north-west India.

Kalimpong lies in the shadow of the mighty Himalaya mountain range, which can be seen in the distance, and Florence retained a life-long love for the area, and also for Dr Graham's Homes, later sponsoring pupils through their school life.

Florence learned Pitman's shorthand and, thanks to Rev John

Cook, moved to Scotland. Prior to this, she had met her first husband Carl Evans, and they later made their home in Australia, where she worked as a PA at Brambles and secretary at the Victorian Association.

Carl died at the age of 44 in 1985 and nine years later, she met Gerry and they got married in Melbourne, Australia, in 1994. Apart from regular visits to London, India and Australia, Florence spent the latter part of her life happily in Llantwit Major, where she and Gerry were keen local walkers.

Florence also became a very popular and highly-valued member of The GEM staff – arriving early each morning, ever keen to discuss the latest news and sports events.

During Wimbledon fortnight, and the Open Golf Championship, colleagues recall that the radio would be on quietly in the background as she avidly followed the fortunes of her sporting favourites.

One of her great pleasures was to regale her many Welsh and English friends with the latest Australian sporting triumph. If the Australians were not doing too well, she was quite happy to cheer for Andy Murray or Luke Donald!

Florence died suddenly on May 5 and will always be remembered with love and fondness by her family, colleagues and many friends both in this country, and across the world.

Many of them from her school in Kalimpong travelled to pay their tributes at her funeral.

One, Rose Foo, said: "My first memory of Florence was that of a



ABOVE:
Florence (left) had friends all over the world.

'perfect prefect' who made an impression on me at Dr Graham's Homes school in Kalimpong. No-one would want to get into trouble with such a smart and disciplined prefect.

"Fate reconnected us at a hospital, where I was working in Melbourne. This meeting with Florence was not coincidental, because she became the key person who was instrumental in networking and connecting people.

"In her opinion the globe was very small when it concerned her old school connections and contacts. Her list of email addresses was endless.

"In retrospect, our last reunion, in 2010 in Kalimpong, was also to commemorate Florence's life, as hundreds of former students travelled from far and wide to attend it. We giggled, laughed and sang, like the old days at school.

"Her love for Dr Graham's Homes school was manifested in her commitment as secretary for the Victorian Committee in Melbourne, where she took an active role in promoting the school at every opportunity.

"She was very much a people-person, one who

loved life, zestful, energetic, dynamic and gifted with a free spirit. Florence was an extraordinary person who managed to build a rapport with everyone she met.

"In 1994, she came to Wales and married Gerry, who became her companion, husband, friend, bicycle riding buddy for 18 years, until one day when she fell off the bike. The bruises from the fall were a reminder to her to leave the bike rides to Gerry.

"Many house guests experienced Gerry and Florence's hospitality, a warm welcome thrown in with lovely walks around the beach in Llantwit Major, which became a popular destination for their visitors.

"Knowing Florence, she would not wish for us to mourn her sudden departure but to look at



ABOVE:
Florence (on left) with two close friends, Rose Foo and Margaretta Purtil.

life through rose-tinted glasses!"

The GEM's Editorial Manager, Don John, added: "Everyone here is still in a profound state of shock at the sudden snatching away of such a lively and caring personality, who had endeared herself to her colleagues by her positive outlook on life and warm, generous nature."

"Her personal loyalty, conscientiousness and genuine niceness were all rare qualities that stamped her out and she will be sadly missed, not least by myself. It was truly a privilege to have known her.

"I know I speak for everyone at The GEM in extending deepest sympathy to her sorrowing family and close friends in their very sad loss."



ABOVE: Schooldays – the prefects at Kalimpong in 1962 with Florence 'the perfect prefect' second from the left.



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Helen - 01446 750738

Penarth
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Church, Elfed Road
Sarah - 07525 852288

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Pupils from Bryn Hafren and St Richard Gwyn schools joined together at the Hub, Barry, to join in the Big Dance.



Thousands of schoolchildren aiming for a world record

TO mark the arrival of the Olympic Flame in the UK, at 1pm on May 18, thousands of schoolchildren in the UK and across the world joined together to take part in a world-record breaking dance, created especially for them by Wayne McGregor CBE, with an original score by Scanner and Joel Cadbury.

The record attempt was a worldwide warm-up for Big Dance 2012, which is to run from July 7-15 and is part of the London 2012 Festival.

With the support of the British Council, the dance took place simultaneously in over 1,000 schools throughout the UK and across Europe, the USA, South America, South-East Asia, the Middle

East and the Far East. Each school learnt the same piece of choreography created by Wayne McGregor.

Dancers from the 5x60 dance clubs in Bryn Hafren and St Richard Gwyn, along with the Motion Control Contemporary dance class – all taught by dance co-ordinator Emma Mallam, performed this routine at the Barry YMCA Hub,

supervised by Rachel Shepherd, 5x60 officer for the Vale, and staff members from the Hub.

The current world record for the largest simultaneous multi venue dance is held by the Netherlands, with 1,472 locations and 264,188 people dancing.

Jacqueline Rose, director of Big Dance 2012, said: "The glob-

al response to the Big Dance record attempt emphasises the power of dance as an artform to communicate and how it can unite communities.

"For the dancers and spectators, 1pm on May 18 was a moment when everyone expressed their creativity through movement that crosses all cultural boundaries."

For more information, contact: emma@vibeexperience.com.

Eisteddfod Crown presented to the executive committee

THE Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod Crown has been handed over to the Eisteddfod's executive committee at a special event in Barry this week.

The crown has been donated by the Vale Council and the financial prize is presented by Islwyn and Ann Jones, of Wenvoe. The crown was designed and created by Anne Morgan of Penarth.

This year, the crown is presented for a sequence of poems, not more than 250 lines, on the subject 'Ynys' (Island). The adjudicators are Cen Williams, Cyril Jones and Penri Roberts.

The crown's design has been inspired by the landscape of the Vale, with the rocks and cliffs of the area represented in the simple but bold design, and epitomises the designer's love for the region.

Receiving the crown on behalf of the Eisteddfod's local executive, chair Dylan Jones said: "It gives me great pleasure to receive this attractive crown which reflects the beauty of our area."

"We thank the Vale Council for their generosity, and we very much hope that there will be a worthy winner of this beautiful crown in the ceremony on the Pavilion stage on the Monday of the Eisteddfod in Llandow."

"We are also very grateful to Islwyn and Anne Jones for their support in donating the substantial financial prize this year."

The Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker, said: "We are looking forward to welcoming the Eisteddfod to the Vale in August."

"It is a great honour to be hosting the event, and I am delighted to present the crown on behalf of the council."

"Anne Morgan has produced a work of art that really does reflect the beauty of the Vale."



The silver crown is asymmetrical, like the land around the Vale's beaches, and this is a dramatic element of the design.

Ann used a technique called reticulation on the crown, using a flame to almost melt the surface of the silver, creating a special texture on the metal. She then combined this technique with matt silver, creating a texture similar to the sea's erosion on objects such as glass and pebbles.

Anne said: "This is the first crown I've created for the National Eisteddfod, and I hope it reflects my feelings for the area close to this year's festival."

"I've lived and worked in Penarth for a number of years, and naturally, the coastline has inspired my work."

"It has been an honour to use this inspiration to create the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod's crown this year."

The crowning ceremony will be held on August 6 at 4.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend the ceremony should ensure they have a reserved seat ticket.

Tickets can be purchased beforehand by ringing 0845 4090 800 or by going to: www.eisteddfod.org.uk, or they can be purchased on the day at the main entrance.

The National Eisteddfod will be held on the old airfield at Llandow from August 4-11.

(SEE MORE EISTEDDFOD NEWS ON PAGE 20).

Cardiff and Vale College lecturers cycle for charity



Lecturers Chris Bridgeman, Andy Brown, Anthony Crothers, Darren Hill, Anthony Parry and Paul Oake with Bill Reynolds, who will drive the van provided by Thames Valley Construction.

CONSTRUCTION lecturers from Cardiff and Vale College's (CAVC) Cardiff Construction Training Centre are set to get on their bikes to raise funds for a charity which takes local children with health or social or emotional problems to Lourdes.

The six lecturers will cycle roughly 226 miles from Colwyn Bay to Cardiff Bay, starting on July 16.

They will be raising money on behalf of HCPT Group 99, which focuses on identifying local children who would benefit from a special holiday in Lourdes. It covers the Newport, Bassaleg, Rogerstone, High Cross and surrounding areas.

Lecturer Anthony Crothers said: "The idea arose from a staff room discussion. We wanted to raise funds for charity and embark upon a challenging bike ride, while at the same time seeing Wales from the saddle in an effort to gain more knowledge about our country."

"We see it as an opportunity to link into Curriculum Cymraeg, improve our fitness and wellbeing and raise funds for an extremely good cause."

Newport-based firm Thames Valley Construction, which has close links with the college, will provide a van that will transport the intrepid cyclists up to north Wales.

Driver Bill Reynolds explained: "We had difficulty in finding a way of getting from Cardiff to North Wales, so we called the managing director of Thames Valley, Liam McGoldrick, and he

kindly offered us the use of a van."

Liam's daughter Mairead McGoldrick, Thames Valley's Company Secretary, is also closely involved with HCPT Group 99.

She said: "We've been going in this area for three years now. We're trying to raise £20,000 – we took eight children to France last month. It's great that the college is helping us as we need to raise as much as possible so we can pay all of the children's expenses."

HCPT is a nationally registered charity made up of local groups who treat local children.

"They take them for a week's holiday to Lourdes and throughout the week the children are cared for by experienced volunteer helpers."

Donations can be made via the JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/bikefor99.

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Castaways cake sale

WITH the Castaways Club settling into the Trinity Church Hall for Wednesday and Friday lunch, bingo, refreshments and social activities, former members of Rondel House, who set up the Castaways Club, are holding a cake sale to raise funds, hosted by Jane Hutt AM.

She urges: "Come and support the pio-

neering Castaways club members who are offering their members lunch, bingo and fun on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Trinity Church Hall, Barry. "Come and support us at 10.30am on Friday, June 1, and enjoy meeting the members, with cakes to buy and refreshments to enjoy, plus a raffle!"

New Vale Mayor looks forward to year in office

THE new Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker, has spoken of his excitement over his appointment, and says he is looking forward to the coming year.

He told The GEM: "I am very excited! This is something I have looked forward to for a number of years. I have been nominated before, but never got enough votes."

"I want to meet the people and be a part of their communities. I've already been to a function in Penarth with the WRVS and they made

me feel quite at home. It was most enjoyable - lots of little things like that make a difference!"

The Llantwit First Independent, who has been a town councillor since 1998 and a Vale councillor since 2004, has already named the Stroke Association, any charities raising money for Prostate Cancer research, and Help for Heroes, as his main charities during his time in office.

He added: "I will decide later in the year how it will be split. I don't want to make promises I can't stick to - something we should

all adhere to."

He also spoke of the change in the voting demographic of the Llantwit Town Council that has seen a completely independent council move in for the next term.

"I hope our association with Labour in the Vale Council is successful. We will vote on what we think is best for Llantwit and the Vale."

"I am very proud that the people of Llantwit have supported us. They are very conscious of what is required and I think that people realise we are the best for that."

"I just want support, and it is up to me to drum it up."

Coun Hacker also spoke about the upcoming National Eisteddfod at Llandow, and revealed that it is not the first time that he and the show will have come in to contact.

"I am looking forward to the Eisteddfod," he added.

"I have some experience - I was the winner of the 'champion boy solo' when it was held in Mountain Ash in 1946, many years ago."

Finally, with a year of functions ahead of him, Coun Hacker expects to see some physical changes too.

"I expect my figure will probably change - and it's large enough at the moment!"

Leigh Gruffydd Sanders

Barry police in witness appeal

POLICE in Barry are appealing for witnesses to a serious assault which is alleged to have taken place in the early hours of Saturday, May 19, at a nightclub on Barry Island.

Police say that a 21-year-old man from Barry was the victim of the assault, and that a 19-year-old local man has been arrested and charged with a Section 18 Assault. He has been remanded in custody.

The police say the

incident happened at around 1.50am in the beer garden of the 2EZE.

Detective Constable Mike Hill of Barry CID said: "This was a very serious incident and we want to hear from anyone who may have seen it and we are investigating it thoroughly."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact DC Hill at Barry CID on 01446 731606 or on 07584 883509 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Letting pictures tell the story

WHEN we look for something, we visualise the object rather than the word for it.

Every departure from a page of plain text is more easily found, the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words still applies in a document of few or many pages.

At the recent meeting of the Penarth Computer Club, Howard set out how to use this to advantage.

Attaching pictures to emails is familiar to most users, but far fewer routinely grab a bit of the screen and turn it into a picture to illustrate a point; yet it is so easy to do.

If you need to copy a computer error message to a friend looking for help, it is safer to send an image rather than try to type the whole message precisely.

If you press the Print screen key ('Prt Scrn') an image of the screen is sent to the clipboard. From there it can be pasted into a document by opening the document, putting the cursor where you want it and pressing 'Ctrl+V'. The image can be adjusted for size by clicking on it to select it and dragging it to the edges and dragging it.

If you just want a window rather than the whole screen, hold down the 'Alt' key when you press 'Prt Scrn' and you will get a neat 'snip' of the active window and can treat it as above.

Should you wish to edit the snip in any way, paste it into whatever picture-editing program you use and edit to suit.

The result can be saved with an appropriate name to any folder and from there imported into an open document

by selecting Insert>Picture>From file...; navigate to where you have saved it; select it and say 'OK'. Adjust it within the document to suit.

For more control of the insert within the document, click on it to select it, then right-click and select 'Format Picture' from the menu. Here you can tweak several properties, but most conveniently (on the Layout tab) choose how it relates to the surrounding text.

All this allows you to make the page more informative and more visually interesting. It turns the whole page into a more easily remembered 'picture' itself.

The effect is increased if the insert is tilted a little by grabbing the green handle to rotate it.

All the above applies in windows XP and Windows 7, but Windows 7 includes a special 'Snipping Tool' to make it easier still. You will find it by clicking Start>All Programs>Accessories>Snipping Tool.

The next meeting is on June 12 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 8pm. We shall review our year so far and ask if we can do better? For more information telephone 02920 708439. HD

Councillors' surgeries

Newly-elected Sully councillors Bob Penrose and Kevin Mahoney are holding joint constituent surgeries open to all residents of Sully, Lavernock and Cosmeston.

These will be held on Thursday, June 7, 8pm-9pm at the Jubilee Hall Sully; and Wednesday, June 20, 7pm-8.30 pm at the Lower Penarth Community Centre, Brockhill Way.

To contact Coun Penrose, telephone 02920 530368; and for Coun Mahoney call 01446 746671.

The GEM is proud to be an official partner of the 2012 National Eisteddfod in the Vale of Glamorgan

Mae'r GEM yn falch o fod yn un o bartneriaid swyddogol Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg, 2012

Ivor paints Iolo for Eisteddfod



AFTER 35 years of intermittent working, artist Ivor Davies has completed a painting of one of his heroes, inspired by the coming of the National Eisteddfod to the Vale this year.

The Penarth artist aims to keep the memory of Welsh personalities alive.

Celebrating Iolo Morganwg was an obvious choice. After all, the stone mason and poet, born at Llancarfan in 1747, was responsible for inventing the majority of the National Eisteddfod's ceremonies, along with establishing the Gorsedd of Bard.

Initially though, a mountain near Lake Rotomahana, New Zealand, served as the image's background: "I tend to work on more than one painting at the same time, then leave them and return to them years later," said Ivor Davies.

In time, he added Iolo Morganwg's images to the painting. He was then inspired further, when he came across a verse by the poet proclaiming his love for the Vale 'Af i Forganwg hoywffalch'.

"I decided to draw it in chalk across the work; then over the years, I've painted the letters. Through the poem, the painting comes to life."

Fun day for charity

LLANTWIT MAJOR will be host to a Jubilee fun day on Saturday, June 2, when there will be bouncy castles and a barbecue, and a collection for charity which will go to Healing the Wounds.

Also in the function room, the big screen will show the Wales v Barbarians and everyone is welcome to join in the fun at Llantwit Major RFC.



Ivor Davies' Eisteddfod print.

Assigned and numbered, 23" x 23" reproduction, printed on Hahenmühle paper, is available from the Eisteddfod office. (Limited to an edition of up to 100 prints)

Ivor Davies was awarded the gold medal for fine art when the National Eisteddfod visited St David's in 2002. Welsh phrase of the week? Ymadrodd yr wythnos: Esgusodwch fi (Ess-giss-odd-ugh vee) which means 'Excuse me'.

(See page 19 for more Eisteddfod news). **O'r diwedd, ar ôl 35 mlynedd o waith ysbeidiol, mae'r artist Ifor Davies wedi cwblhau ei baentiad o un o'i arwyr. Ac i ddyfodiad yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol i Fro Morgannwg eleni y mae'r diolch am hynny, meddai.**

Gan fod yr artist o Benarth yn awyddus i gynnwrf y genedl drwy ddarlunio cymeriadau sydd wedi'u hanner anghofio, fel Dic Aberdaron a Dr William Price, roedd dathlu Iolo Morganwg yn ddewis anlwg.

Wedi'r cwbl, y saer maen a'r bardd, a anwyd yn Llancarfan yn 1747, fu'n gyfrifol am lunio'r rhan fwyaf o seremonïau'r Eisteddfod

Genedlaethol a sefydlu Gorsedd y Beirdd. Er, i ddechrau, mynydd ger Llyn Rotomahana yn Seland Newydd oedd cefndir y ddelwedd: "Dwi yn tueddu i weithio ar sawl llun ar yr un pryd, eu gadael nhw ac yna dod nôl atyn nhw rhai blynyddoedd yn ddwydddarach," meddai Ifor Davies.

Ond ymhen hir a hwyr, ychwanegodd ddelweddau Iolo Morganwg at y paentiad. Yr ysbrydoliaeth wedyn oedd dod o hyd i un o gerddi'r bardd 'Af i Forganwg hoywffalch' yn mynegi ei garlad at ei fro.

"Penderfynais ei ddodi mewn siâl ar draws y llun, yna dros y blynyddoedd diwedi bod yn paentio'r llythrennau arno fe - rwy'n gweld bywyd yn y llythrennau unigol a'r berthynas rhyngddynt nhw. A thrwy'r gerdd mae'r llun wedi dod yn fyw."

Enillodd Ifor Davies y fedal aur am geflyddyd aur yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Sir Benfro, Tyddewi 2002.

Bellach, gallwch archebu'r print, 23" x 23", wedi'i arwyddo a'i rifo, a'i argraffu ar bapur Hahenmühle, o Swyddfa'r Eisteddfod am £195 y copi. (Mae'r rhediad wedi'i gyfyngu i hyd at 100 print).

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Last chance for a Jubilee prize

THERE is a last chance to enter the Queen's Jubilee free prize draw at Barry for those born between May 1 and July 31, 1952.

There are four prizes:

● A G Adams & Son Funeral Directors in Gladstone Road donated a meal for two (value £50) and a limousine to

take you there; ● Co-operative food at Weycock Cross and Colcot Road donated a bottle of Champagne and a food hamper; ● Co-operative Pharmacy in Holton Road donated a gift set.

Entry forms are available at any of the above, proof of date of birth is required, and the closing date is June 1, at 10am.

Summer music party for Dan

THE next Daniel Downton 'Cwtch Fund' event is a party featuring live music from two of the finest bands in the county.

This Saturday (June 2), Acoustically Sound and Bootleg will be pumping out a mix of classics and contemporary tunes at the 'Sounds of Summer' party at the Dolphin, Barry. The party will continue with The Salty Dog Experience playing tunes into the night.

Organiser Rob Salter said: "I know they have both turned down other gigs to play on Saturday and they have been practicing hard for weeks, adding some new tunes to their sets."

"I am really looking forward to this, there's a real beach party vibe and we are expecting a good turn out."

"Both bands have a big following and usually pull a crowd."

He said that the local community has really come out in force to help Dan's fundraising efforts.

After this Saturday's party, the next event will be a quiz night at Brynhill Golf Club on Saturday, June 9. Any teams or individuals wishing to take up the challenge can call Lisa on 07712 457550.

Dan's treatment is ongoing and he continues to have his victories and set backs. He has recently undergone a particularly intense round of chemotherapy.

His mum Claire said: "We have been overwhelmed by the community spirit, kindness and generosity we have seen since Daniel became ill, he has had a really tough time recently and has spent a lot of time in hospital."

"The treatment has been particularly hard



on him but he is still happy Daniel Downton.

and cheerful most of the time. He's an inspiration to us all."

The Sounds of Summer party starts at 8pm. Entry is £5 and tickets are available from Demon Barber, Vic Hopkins, Marco's (Barry Island), Barry Fire Station, and Big Dave's Chippy. There will be tickets on the door but early arrival is recommended.

Coffee morning for Daniel

A COFFEE morning at Orchard House raised £300 for Daniel's Cwtch Fund - which Nat Gibson (owner) doubled to £600.

Maralyn Sylvester (the recreation activities organiser) held a raffle where every resident received a prize.

Mr Gibson entertained the residents with music on the accordion, which helped to make a very enjoyable morning for everyone.

The cheque was presented to Daniel's nanny, Eleanor Downton.

Jubilee picnic

RESIDENTS of Dinas Powys are invited to bring all the family to a 'bring and share' picnic in St Peter's Church grounds, Mill Road, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee on Tuesday, June 5, from 2pm.

Rector's warden, John Fanshaw, said: "Tea and coffee will be available from the church hall."

This will be a community event, open to all - so all are invited to come along with a picnic and chairs and/or a rug, together with their family and friends, for a great afternoon of fun and games!" said

Jubilee service

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth is holding a special service on Sunday June 3, at 10am to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The service will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by a buffet on the gallery (lift available).

Gardens open

THE following local gardens will be open under the National Gardens Scheme over June 9-10:

Bonvilston Village Gardens, Bonvilston, CF5 6TY: Just outside Cowbridge on the A48, Bonvilston is a pleasant rural village centred on the 13th century church, cosy public house and village shop.

Plas-y-Coed is a stunning work in progress, with rose arbour and magical vistas.

Plas Newydd, with rose borders, fruit and vegetable area and elegant greenhouse, and The Old Barn, all have lovely views across the Vale.

The Old Barn is a 17th century barn conversion with a one-acre garden.

Open: Sunday, 10 June (12pm-5pm), admission £4.

Bordervale Plants, Sandy Lane, Ystradowen, Cowbridge, CF71 7SX: Within mature woodland valley (semi-tamed), with stream and bog garden, extensive mixed borders; wild flower meadow, providing diverse wildlife habitats. Children must be supervised.

Open: For NGS: Sunday, June 10, Monday, August 27 (10am-5pm); admission £3.

Cefn Cribw Garden Club, Cefn Cribw, Bridgend, CF32 0AP: Cefn Cribw gardening club is the heart of a friendly community, opening for the first time this year.

The seven diverse gardens vary from the local school allotments, an exposed mature garden, a recycled garden, a garden that has its own composting system, a children's garden, a rustic garden and lastly a productive vegetable garden. Open: Sunday, June 10 (10am-4pm); admission £3.

Llanblethian Gardens, CF71 7JU: This picturesque hillside country village, quiet and unspoilt is adjacent to the popular market town of Cowbridge.

Stallcourt Mews is a front terraced courtyard garden. Side and rear sloping garden with 60m stream (unfenced) and ponds.

The garden of St Quintin's cottage was designed by renowned garden designer Ralph Hancock and features his herringbone paving.

Stone terraces and sloping lawns are linked by winding paths and steps to ornamental ponds with cascades. Entry is by steps.

Open: Sunday, June 10 (2pm-6pm); admission £3.50.

Park Funeral Directors – serving the local community



The Jubilee display on show at Park Independent Funeral Directors.

AS the Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee on June 5, it is also the second anniversary of Park Independent Funeral Directors, serving the community of Barry and the rest of the Vale.

Lyndsay Ellis, the principal, would like to thank all those who have supported and welcomed the company since its formation.

He said: "I also wish to thank all who have given their trust in me and my staff to care for their loved ones and give them the personal and dignified send off that they deserve."

"I would also like to thank Bob Johnson, my new funeral director,

who has become a valuable part of the team since joining in January 2011.

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Nowadays, every town has soft play

facilities – some local pubs even supply extensive activity areas with seating for parents.

FREE SWIM LESSONS

Then there are local sports centres – Vale leisure centres are making a splash this half term with a selection of free swimming-based activities.

Free swimming sessions will be on offer at certain times during the week in Barry, Penarth and Llantwit Major, while further free activities in the pools will include snorkelling, water polo and a rookie lifeguards course.

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Outside the water, the other activities on offer will include inflatable mega sessions with slides and bouncy castles, as well as dance mat classes, basketball, hockey and extreme

dodgeball.

Cowbridge Leisure Centre will also be hosting Olympic athletics sessions on Tuesday, June 5, for children aged from four to 12.

The fun sessions will feature sprints, hurdles, jumps and throwing events.

(Please note that the leisure centres in Cowbridge and Penarth will be closed on Monday, June 4, while the leisure centres in Barry and Llantwit Major will be closed on Tuesday, June 5).

For further details, please download the activity programme online from www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/leisurecentres or call the leisure centres on 01446 403000.

For further ideas of how you can spend an active half term, follow @valesportsnews on Twitter.

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Out and About with The GEM

BLACK IS THE COLOUR THIS SUMMER IN SCI-FI BLOCKBUSTER

If you required an example of Hollywood's lack of imagination, you couldn't go much further than looking at the greenlighting of a third outing for the *Men In Black* franchise.

While the first offering was an impressive mix of action and comedy, the second was a lame re-tread of the first, with ridiculous plotting and an inability to conjure up the magic of the first.

The third outing sees Agent J (Will Smith) have to travel back in time to avert the death of Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones) in the future; Josh

Brolin in the past) at the hands of alien Boris (Jemaine Clement) or else see history change for the worse...

It's been four years since Will Smith last took up residence on the big screen with the interminable *Seven Pounds*. Has the box office king been missed in this period? Arguably not, but seeing Smith headlining a summer blockbuster does seem to restore some equilibrium to the universe!

The question is, does *Men In Black 3* deliver the goods in a summer where *The Avengers* assembled to huge box office numbers, and Batman is ready to swoop in to almost certainly do the same? The answer is just about, the

film unable to match up to the first one, yet going some way to make up for the disaster of the second film.

The key ingredient here is breaking up the partnership of Smith and Tommy Lee Jones (reduced to more or less an extended cameo here). The duo's chemistry was a major component in the first film, while their verbal sparring gave the second film its brightest moments.

However, the relationship here, certainly in the early stages of the film, feels tired and lacking spark, Smith and Jones looking and sounding as though they would rather be anywhere else than in their black suits.

When Agent J time-jumps back to 1969, that's when the film kicks up a gear, in no small part due to Josh Brolin's turn as the younger Agent K. The actor takes off Jones exceptionally well, but his performance offers more than just impressions, Brolin taking what may have been an afterthought and sending it front and centre.

Smith's performance doesn't quite match up

SCREEN TALK



by
GARETH JAMIESON

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to Brolin's turn, the wisecracking routine occasionally feeling a little jaded, but with no small degree of wit once he's placed into the melting pot of the late 60's, where his skin colour makes him the alien. Certainly Smith has no difficulty in holding up his end of the act-

ing, but there is little that is fresh to his routine.

While Emma Thompson shines in a small role as the new head of the MIB, Michael Stuhlbarg impresses as the visionary Griffin, and Bill Hader raises laughs as Andy Warhol, Jemaine Clement suffers from being miscast as the villainous Boris The Animal.

The comedian is hampered by being given a character that is purely evil, thus rendering his comedic skills redundant, and comes under layers of prosthetics that make him virtually anonymous; it's a shame that Clement isn't allowed to play to his strengths more and bridge the gap between villainy and comedy as Vincent D'Onofrio did in the first film; as it is he just feels out of place.

Barry Sonnenfeld maintains the visual feel and tone of the film, having directed the first two installments, and offers up some clever action sequences, the time jump concept in particular well realised, even if he sometimes struggles a little with the concept, the script

resolving any issues with a cursory line of explanation.

He also loses his way a little with the climax, lacking the pizzazz and wow factor you would want from a blockbuster, while the emotional beats feel a little too convenient and contrived.

However, as a blockbuster film, *Men In Black 3* certainly doesn't offend, ticking all the boxes even if the execution doesn't always work. In a summer of heavyweights, these MIB just about hold their own.

VERDICT: Not as sparkling as the first but a vast improvement on the messy second, *Men In Black 3* is a decent if overly tricky summer event movie. While the lure of seeing Will Smith return to the big screen is tempered by his somewhat lackadaisical performance, the likes of Josh Brolin and Michael Stuhlbarg pick up the slack, in a pleasing but slight movie. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Men In Black* (1997), *Wild Wild West* (1999).

Scope for more volunteers in the community

SCOPE SULLY has a brand new **Disability Inclusion Project** available for volunteers aged 18 plus - aiming to reduce loneliness, isolation and improve the wellbeing for disabled older people aged 50 plus in the Vale.

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For further information contact the Vale Volunteer Bureau, 34 Holton Road, Barry (Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm), call 01446 421782, email: info@vvb.org.uk, or visit: www.vvb.org.uk.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D724.

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Out and About with The GEM

What's on this bank holiday weekend

CAB outreach
NEW drop-in times have been announced by the Vale of Glamorgan Citizens' Advice Bureau outreach service at West House Cottage, Stanwell Road, Penarth, on Thursdays.

The new drop-in times will be: 9.30am-11.30am; 12pm-1pm, commencing on Thursday, June 7.

Clients who have had appointments booked for them with an advisor will be unaffected by the change.

Aberkenfig party

ABERKENFIG and District United Churches (AADUC) are holding a Queen's Diamond Jubilee

party in St John's Church, Aberkenfig, on Sunday, June 3; doors open from 3pm.

Share fun, food and fellowship; please bring a plate of finger food; All welcome!

Fete
THERE will be a fete held by the Llandough Community Council at the King George V Memorial Playing Fields on Saturday, June 9 at 2pm.

The program will be: dancing display by Zumbatomic (2.05pm), Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band (2.15pm, throughout afternoon), children's magic show (2.30pm), children's races (3pm), Desert Divas (belly dancing, 3.15pm), children's magic show (3.35pm),

pet competition (4pm) and raffle prize draws (4.45pm).

There will also be stalls, games, plants, a bar, classic bikes, free classic bus rides, face painting, tombola, food, martial arts, knick knacks, smellies, a police display, Mario Morris, bran tub, a model railway and much more.

Bonsai tree exhibition

THERE will be a bonsai tree exhibition at Llantonia Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10 (10am-5pm both days).

Don Knight will be exhibiting his collection of bonsai trees and sharing his knowledge of and interest in this ancient art. Entrance £2.50, under-12s free. Refreshments available.

Phone Ros Lewis on 01446 795530 for more information.

Thrift shop

THE thrift shop at Woodpecker Square, St Athan will be closed for half term week, re-opening on June 11 at 10am.

Llanfair reunion -

LLANFAIR Primary School is celebrating its centenary this year and is holding a coffee morning on Tuesday, June 12 at 10.30am in the school hall.

Past pupils, parents, retired teachers, governors or members of the local community can enjoy an informal cup of coffee and cake and spend time reminiscing!

Bring old photographs and memorabilia; tickets £3. Contact Mrs Normansell on 01446 7722456, Mary Llewellyn on 01446 773421 or 07800974527.

Open art exhibition
A GREAT variety of entrants for the sum-

mer open art exhibition at the Travellers cafe/art gallery on Barry station has resulted in another outstanding show for the public with a high standard of ceramics, photography, painting and prints on display.

The cafe, run by Mind in the Vale (www.mindinthevale.org.uk) and supported by the Vale of Glamorgan Artists Group (www.voga.org.uk), supports those recovering from mental health problems in their quest in getting back to work.

The show runs until July 14 (Mondays-Fridays, 7.30am-1pm). **Guide Dogs' spectacular**
TO celebrate Guide Dogs for the Blind's 80th anniversary, the Vale fundraising branch is organising a spectacular event, with ballroom, Latin American and sequence dancing at the Barry Memorial Hall, on June 15.

The highlight will be a dance demonstration by Darren Bennett and Lilia Kopylova, former winners of BBC's Strictly Come Dancing. All money raised

from the event will go towards the training of more guide dogs to help visually impaired people in Guide Dogs Cymru.

Tickets are available from Barry Memorial Hall booking office, email boxoffice@barrymemo.co.uk or telephone 01446 738622.

BHF call

WOMEN residents of Cowbridge are being invited for "a cuppa and a chat" at the Arboreal Restaurant in Cowbridge on June 21 (10am-12 noon) to support the local British Heart Foundation fundraising group. For more information, contact the fundraising office on 02920 382408.

Ty Hafan can take you places!
THE Ty Hafan summer raffle offers a chance to take the family on a fun-packed holiday in Florida to swim with dolphins and experience the magical world of Disney.

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To enter the Ty Hafan Summer Raffle, return tickets you have received in the post by July 3. If you have not received tickets or wish to order extra, simply call the ticket hotline on 02920 672054 or visit www.tyhafan.org/summer-prize-draw.

Model lifeboats

BARRY model boat club is holding a model lifeboat show at Cold Knap Lake on July 1 from 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The Barry lifeboat will have a stall to sell promotional products, with all proceeds going to the RNLI.

A variety of lifeboats is expected on the lake.

For more information, please call Ron Pearson on 07890 606 775.

New exhibition at 'Travellers'

A GREAT variety of entries for the summer open art exhibition at the Travellers' Gallery on Barry Station has resulted in another outstanding show for the public.

A high standard of ceramics, photography, painting and prints are on display.

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ABOVE:
Bee Lilli has a painting in the exhibition.

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CROWDS GREET THE OLYMPIC FLAME ON A HISTORIC DAY FOR THE TOWN

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'A once in a lifetime occasion' – that is how the appearance of the Olympic Flame in the Vale has been described, and the crowds of onlookers proved the point.

The flame's Vale journey started at Eastbrook Station in Dinas Powys at 7am on Saturday, May 26.

It made a 10-minute journey though the village, before restarting with fresh runners at Cardiff Road in Barry.

There were large crowds along the route – Holton Road, Broad Street, Barry Island, Park Crescent, Jenner Road and Colcot Road.

It finished its tour of the town on Port Road East and the Olympic Flame team then moved onto Bridgend in the afternoon.

Among the Vale medal hopefuls in the Olympics are swimmer David Davies from Barry, cyclist Nicole Cooke from Wick and tri-athlete Helen Jenkins from Llantwit Major.

You can view an eight minutes You Tube video at <http://youtu.be/u-wpkIVX4Zc>.



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WELSH FOOTBALL COACH DROPS IN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PUPILS



ABOVE: Chris Coleman holds a question and answer session with years 7 and 8.

LAST month, Wales football manager Chris Coleman visited Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.

The school held a question and answer session with Chris before he was photographed with the school football teams.

The pupils enjoyed Chris' honesty, integrity and charisma in answering the questions asked.

Gymnastics success

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg's floor and vault mixed team are the current Welsh champions.

The team went on to compete in the British Schools competition on Sunday May 13.

This is the first time the school competed at this level in this field.

Members of the team are: Ffion Byrne, Finlay Haswell, Iwan Mephram, Rhidian Mephram and Emyr Byrne. We wish them all the best of luck for the competition!

South Wales Spelling Bee

THE four winners of the year-7 French spelling bee competition went to Ysgol Bryn Gwyn who were in Llanelli to compete at the south Wales regional final.

Brennig Davies, Elin Alexander, Manon Wiliam and Beth Humphreys all did superbly on the day.

Brennig came first and Beth came fourth in the competition, and both will now go on to compete in the Welsh Final to be held later this term. We



BASKETBALL FOR WALES
RECENTLY, Meirin Evans of year-11 represented Wales by playing for the national under-16 basketball team in Dublin against Ireland. (See picture above).
Unfortunately, the Welsh team lost by 90 points to 46. Here are some other pictures of Meirin in competition.

wish them both the very best of luck!

BRENNIG A BETH



Chris Coleman with year-9 football team.



Chris Coleman with year-7 football team.



ABOVE:
Chris Coleman
with year-10 football team.



Carfan Floor and Vault - The floor and vault mixed team that were crowned Welsh Champions.



ABOVE:
Chris Coleman
with the year-8 football team.



LEFT:
The Welsh and Irish basketball teams pose for a photo together.



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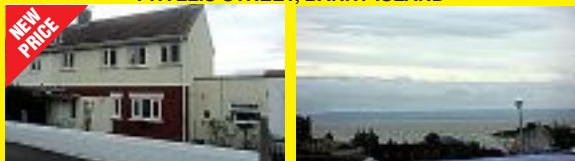
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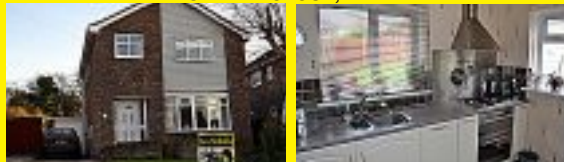
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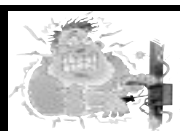
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Resting at Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynwydd Road, Barry until her service at All Saints Church, Barry on Thursday June 7 at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park, Port Road East, Barry.

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COPLEY Richard

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Another special thank you to the Rev David Boulton for his help, kindness and compassion.

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Skipper Ellis, standing in for Tom Ridgwell, strode to the wicket and tossed the coin with opposing skipper Rob King. On winning the toss, St Fagans surprisingly elected to field with the track looking a better to bat on.

Young opening bowlers Davies and Fahim bowled with pace and control to experienced Wanderers openers Sawyer and Coleman. Coleman, having looked comfortable, was dismissed caught behind for 16 and this brought birthday boy Burgin to the crease.

Burgin, reveling in his number three role, batted steadily before unleashing several splendid cover drives which brought the assembled crowd to their feet. Sawyer, meanwhile, was quietly composing a masterful innings at the other end timing his shots to perfection.

Burgin attempted one shot too many and was bowled for 30, and as he trudged back to the pavilion he contemplated on what could have been.

It was time for Ellis to enter the fray and after a second drinks break, Sawyer unleashed a barrage of heavy blows with four's

and sixes prominent.

It looked like a maiden Wanderers 100 was on the cards, but this was not to be as he departed for a well crafted 89.

Andy Gallagher saw the score past 200 with a belligerent innings of 4.4 made up of ten four's, before being bowled.

Nimesh Reddy continued the run fest with a quick-fire 46 not out, while Ellis played the Boycott role with 35 not out as the innings closed on 293 for 4 after 45 overs.

With a sumptuous tea enjoyed by the masses it was time for the Wanderers to defend their total as the sun's rays beat down and the sea glistened in the background.

The early season rain was a distant memory as the Wanderers' quintessential ground looked like a picture postcard as a host of former players watched on with interest at the current crop.

St Fagans opened with Charlie Maynard, brother of Matthew, and C Franklin. They set out their intentions from the off with Maynard ruthless on anything short. Ashish Chatap bowled with verve and zip and deservedly took the first two wickets, a sharp caught and bowled and a plum LBW.

Maynard was playing a shot a ball innings and was dropped three times before change bowler Nandan uprooted his off stick out

of the ground, a sight to behold for any bowler.

This key wicket left the Wanderers firmly in control. It was time now to bring the wily old fox Phil John onto bowl at the Hospital end, and his intelligent off spin accounted for the middle order.

With Phil on the brink of a fiver the batsmen offered a sharp caught and bowled which the bowler dropped.

However, of more concern was the shoulder injury that Phil picked up diving for the catch, and unable to carry on bowling he left the field for treatment.

Ellis took over the remainder of the over and was soon dispatched for six by young Fahim. However, revenge was sweet as Ellis caught a skier off Hughes' bowling to secure the Wanderers victory by 139 runs.

A great all-round performance with everyone contributing, the only slight disappointment on the day was the seven dropped catches.

However, with the 2nd XI winning two in a row and strong availability, the season is now taking shape, and skipper Ridgwell will return from Vegas with several selection dilemmas.

Many thanks go to Jane Richards, Gerry Richards and Mike Ashton for tea, groundsmen and match duties.

ME

Young footballers run for team



The young players exceeded all expectations when taking to the Barry Athletic ground to raise money for the under-11s side.

RECENTLY, Barry Athletic Football Club held a sponsored fun run at their ground to raise much-needed funds for the under-11s football team.

On a beautiful Sunday morning, and with the emphasis definitely on effort as opposed to fun, the team and the three coaches attempted to complete at least three laps of the perimeter of

the ground.

Undeterred by the challenge that lay ahead, all of the boys set off in good spirits, buoyed by the fact that they were going to make mincemeat out of the coaches.

The boys exceeded expectations by completing at least four laps, with many going on to complete six and even seven laps, putting the coaches to shame (who only completed three each).

The perimeter of the ground is approximately

420 metres, and between them the team managed to cover a total distance of 20 miles! One player even completed his run whilst nursing a broken collar bone.

In total, the players raised a magnificent £742 with a special mention going to three players in particular who managed to raise over £100 each.

The management team would like to praise the magnificent effort of the players and would also like to thank

everyone; friends, family, work colleagues, who contributed towards sponsoring the boys.

In particular, thanks to the ex-Barry Athletic FC senior players and management – your contribution was very much appreciated.

The management team would also like to thank Tony Mulhern of (Tema) Penarth Industrial Services once again for his continual support.

DW

Ladies thank King Billy!

WESTEND Ladies Netball Club would like to say a big thank you to Dave and Joanne, owners of the King William IV, for sponsoring us this year.

Both teams received new netball dresses and hoods ready for the summer league, currently being played at Colcot Sports Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The teams recently held a fundraiser charity night at the Billy for CLIC Sargent where a massive total of £400 was raised.

Alongside this was another charity night, also held and supported



by The King William IV, where a local man, Micky, shaved his head and successfully raised £500 for the Marie Curie cancer charity.

We will be holding many more fundraising events at the Billy over

the coming months, so keep your eyes peeled for what's coming up!

Westend Ladies netball team now have a

Facebook page set up, and the team's progress during the summer and winter league will be available.

KR

Rhosee under-13s end season with big win

RHOSE under-13s were looking to finish the season in style against Wenvoe and soon settled into their passing game.

Jay Coles found himself in space and threaded a ball through to Ryan Hughes, whose strike into the bottom corner gave Rhosee the lead.

Daniel Cope used his speed to set up Cameron Leach whose calm finish increased the lead for Rhosee.

Wenvoe played some good attacking football and were unlucky not to get on the score sheet, but keeper Matt Cottingham was in top form and looked impenetrable.

Edward Thomas and

Patrick O'Carroll remained focussed in defence and looked to push forward at every opportunity.

Josh Brown was solid in midfield and after winning a challenge, released Mitch McCabe, who scored with a left foot strike.

Joe Hopkins and Jordan Holt worked tirelessly and Dylan White always looked composed on the ball.

Both Cameron Leach and Mitch McCabe grabbed their second of the game and it was a fitting end when defender Harry Morgan-Grant was on the end of a whipped in cross by Lee Bartlett to score Rhosee's final goal of the season for a 6-0 victory.

MB

CADOXTON finished their section of the Carruthers with a success at Sully where three rinks came out on top with one losing.

The rink skipped by Howard Craven was the unfortunate one when they trailed by 10 shots, against a rink skipped by Ian Patterson, before getting on the scoreboard. The remainder of the game was more even, by scoring 13 shots against 15, to lose by 12.

Jim Davies had Chris Williams in opposition and in a close game, all the way throughout, the scores were tied at 12-12 after 12 ends.

Sully scored the next single, which put them on 13, where they stayed for the next four ends whilst losing six shots. A recovery put them back in front by one shot, which was cancelled out with three singles to finish.

Graham Brown had a seemingly difficult task against Brian Griffiths, but started with a 6-1 lead after six ends. Four singles reduced the advantage to one.

The following five ends increased this to three, before Graham trailed the jack for a 'six' and a 'four', which opened a large gap.

However, Brian came back into the game with 10 shots over three ends, including a 'five'. A 'three' and single finished the game with Cadoxton in the ascendancy.

Don Kuhnell had a mixed start against opposing skip Carl Best. A four-shot advantage after three ends disappeared by the eighth, to a deficit of four.

After four more ends the score was 6-12. However, with Don having an inspiring afternoon, a good run during the next four ends produced 11 shots.

Three singles were dropped but two 'three's to finish, with the other rinks already finished, ensured the overall match result went in Cadoxton's favour.

Scores: L Adams, D Evans, W Vaughan, H Craven - 13-25 - A Kelly, G Pryer, HL Jones, 1 Patterson; P Ellis, G Solomon, L

Cundliffe, D Kuhnell - 23-15 - K Lewis, D Hotchkiss, J Best, C Best; T Bishop, I Dunbar, D Brook, G Brown - 24-17 - P Neale, C Michael, M Hardy, B Griffiths; D Tuck, S Clarke, L Davies, J Davies - 21-19 - A Rees, G John, D Edwards, C Williams.

Final score: 81-76.

Cadoxton 'A' v Murch - SVL

THE 'A' Side also came out on top when they hosted the re-arranged game with Murch in the SVL.

Gordon Davies' rink had Ian Heppinstall, making his bowls debut, as lead, and they were successful against Terry Mayor's rink. A 5-3 lead was gained by the home side before a 'four', 'one' and 'three' further enhanced it.

They were held for a brief spell on 13, whilst the gap was closed slightly, before continuing to build a comprehensive win.

In a stop-start match, Roy Harding trailed at 0-4, before a recovery gained the lead at 9-7. The opposition retaliated with 13 shots, including a 'six', to regain the advantage. Four singles to finish was not enough to catch up again.

Graham Garland's four took a 9-3 lead after eight ends against Derek Davies. The advantage was taken away with a 'four' and 'three'. However, 14 shots were scored with just four against in the remainder of the game for a home success.

Alex Turner's rink drew first blood against Phil Jenkins', but did not hold the advantage for long. Eight shots were conceded over the next four ends to build a lead that was continually increased throughout the game.

Scores: K Tanner, R Doble, R Cole, A Turner - 15-22 - G Pearce, D Perkins, B Frampton, P Jenkins; I Heppinstall, D Fanning, J Stewart, G Davies - 22-13 - R Hunter, I Roberts, B Marsh, T Mayor; G Powell, B Knight, M Curtis, R Harding - 13-21 - R Fudge, O May, L

Morton, G Russell; S Clements, L Little, J Sugden, G Garland - 23-14 - D Pateman, A Perry, M Williams, D Davies.

Final score: 73-70.

Cadoxton v B Plastics - Munro Cup

THE Munro Cup game played at Cadoxton was a close affair against B Plastics, with both sides winning on two rinks each. Even closer, the scores were tied after a recount.

Graham Brown was on top form and had a superb game to overcome his opposition, skipped by Malcolm Phillips. At the end of the game he praised his team, including Phil Ellis, who was playing in the unaccustomed position of third.

Gordon Davies was the other winning skip against Peter Oxenham, who included Alan Burdge, a past member of the Cadoxton Club. This win was despite losing a 'five' on two occasions, but a big 'seven' almost overcame this. A 'three' on the final end ensured the victory.

Don Kuhnell made a bad start against Keith Romans when he dropped a 'six' and 'five' on consecutive ends early in the game. This deficit was never recovered to lose by 12 shots.

Howard Craven skipped the other losing rink against Glyn Trickett. After leading 6-0, only three more singles were added for the home side.

Scores: B Knight, D Evans, P Ellis, G Brown - 27-10 - P Robbins, D Townsend, C Coomber, M Phillips; S Clements, D Fanning, R Cole, G Davies - 23-19 - M Morgan, A Burdge, B Buckingham, P Oxenham; J Stacey, S Clarke, J Sugden, D Kuhnell - 12-24 - C Clay, G Prance, W Hogg, K Romans; G Powell, G Solomon, J Stewart, H Craven - 9-18 - K Agins, D Lotus, G Currie, G Trickett.

Final score: 71-71.

DK

Dinas bowlers downed by seven shots

DINAS POWYS first side were disappointed that their PG1 fixture against Ystradfechan was postponed last Saturday.

Road and park closures enabling the Olympic Torch to proceed through Treorchy was the cause. Dinas second team, however, were at home to Ystradfechan seconds and contested a close game.

The early ends saw Dinas losing narrowly on three rinks but only three shots adrift on 10 ends. Two rinks up and two down on 15 ends saw Dinas seven shots down. Despite one rink

falling behind by 22 shots to nine, the Dinas deficit was only eight shots.

This proved too much for the Dinas team to claw back and the match ended with Dinas going down by seven shots: 70-77.

With two rinks up and one drawn, Dinas picked up a useful five points against a strong Ystradfechan side.

Dinas rink scores: G Leach, T Hurcom, N Giles, A Jones: 20-20; D James, J Cole, B Critcher, J Porter: 18-16; M Diment, M Seaford, D Ireland, M Edwards: 22-15; D Vowles, G Welch, P Marks, C Bates: 10-26.

AMD

Barry gymnasts tumble to success in Aberystwyth

BARRY YMCA gymnasts are flying high after having a fantastic time at the Welsh Tumbling N D P Championships, held in Aberystwyth.

Sixteen club members were turning cartwheels after having a successful outing at the event, which the club entered for the first time this year.

During this competition, each gymnast had to complete three set tumbling passes, each containing between five and eight skills. The competition consisted of a variety of levels ranging from Regional, to National and Elite.

Erin Gamble became the Regional B eight years champion, taking the gold medal in her first tumbling competition.

Bria Karim (eight), also successfully competed in her first tumbling competition, narrowly missing out on a podium spot, placing a credible fourth.

Dee Clarke (nine) continued the success of her club-mates when she competed in the nine/10 years Regional B level, claiming the silver medal. Zoe Arnold (11) competed in her first competition in the 11/12 years category, placing a

well-earned fifth.

In the Regional A nine/10 years event, nine-year-old Seren Williams tumbled her way to second place, whilst club-mate Caitlin Meadows (nine) joined her on the podium in third place.

Maisie Lewis (nine) demonstrated three good tumble passes to place fifth in this level. Chloe Gabb (10) was the sole representative for Barry in the Regional C level, where she performed three very tidy routines to claim the silver medal.

The Elite pathway is the highest level in tumbling competition and Barry had two representatives entered, competing against the best tumblers from across Wales.

Olivia Parry (15) competed in the 15+ Elite 2 category. Her high scoring tumbling resulted in her claiming the silver medal and gaining a reserve spot for the British NDP Finals (the first placed gymnast in this category would represent Wales).

Her performance at this event and at the recent Welsh Tumble Championships also earned her a spot in the Welsh Tumbling Squad.

Alana Stokes (11) successfully performed a number of new skills to compete in the Elite 1 11/12 years category,

where she placed a credible sixth.

Barry YMCA had three representatives in the National 1 nine/10 years category, who all had fun and performed confidently.

Lara Watkins (nine) narrowly missed out on a podium spot, placing fourth, Kelsey Cross (10) placed fifth, and Tesni Gardiner (10) placed sixth.

Catrin Long and Seren Mirza Davies also competed in the National 1 event in the 11/12 years age group. Catrin (12) placed fifth, while Seren (12) placed sixth.

In the Higher Level National 2 11/12 years event, Ffion Jackson (11) had to perform a number of new skills, which she

did with success to place 10th.

Congratulations to all gymnasts and thanks to coaches Aimee McCarthy, Leanne Jones, Olivia Parry and Karen Davies.

Barry YMCA Gymnastics Club offers fun gymnastics opportunities for everyone. Classes include parent and toddler (Gymtots), Gymjynx (where children aged three-four can attend without their parent), Prep Class (for four-five year olds), and children aged five plus can participate in the recreational and competitive sections in artistic and rhythmic gymnastics.

To find out more contact 01446 724000.

KD

GRADING SUCCESS FOR KARATE STUDENTS



All 14 students from Penarth AKAD were successful in their recent belt grading.

RECENTLY, 14 Disciplines) under- students from the Penarth AKAD (Association of Karate and Allied

Monday and Wednesday evening at Ysgol Pen-y-Garth's Sports hall (Sully Road), between 6pm-7pm.

There is also a training session on Monday evenings between 7pm-8pm for higher grades.

The club is run by Sully resident Stuart Creedon, a 4th Dan black belt with more than 25 years of martial arts experience.

He said: "The club is an opportunity for adults and children to be physically active, have fun and meet new friends in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere. New members are always welcome."

For further information, contact Stuart Creedon on 07919 058 069.

Four students were graded to their brown belt (Seren James, Deiniol Knight, Ryan Allen and Tariq Amari); seven students to yellow belt (Felice Cirino, Megan Cirino, Alex Murphy, Hannah Murphy, Jamie Murphy, Abi Fox and Sofia Creedon); Sebastian Jones was awarded his red belt and new members Chris Evans and Myles Mullet were awarded their orange belts.

All their hard work over the past few months really paid off on the night with everyone successful in achieving their new grades.

The club trains on a

100 per cent start for bowlers

DINAS Firsts continued the excellent start to their Welsh Club Championship by defeating Caerau Athletic by a 56-shot margin to win through to the knockout stages later in the season.

The game was a one-sided affair with a confident Dinas Powys starting well and keeping up the pressure throughout.

10 shots to the good after five ends, the lead was increased to 20 after 10 ends, +45 on 15 ends, +49 on 18 ends, and +56 on 21 ends.

Rink scores: G White, C Parsons, G Griffiths, N Leigh - 27-13; A Harvey, G Parr, R Osbourne, A Meddins - 30-8; D Parker, N Giles, P Critcher, R Jones - 28-18; C Scott, A Desrosiers, D Vowles, M Ackland - 21-11.

Dinas now switch their attention to the Private

Greens 1 league with an opener away from home at Ystradfechan next Saturday, a game which will be a much sterner test of their resolve.

A weakened Dinas Powys 2nd team were away to Llanbradach in the Private Greens Division 2 league last Saturday, and came away with a very creditable win of 89-79.

With two rinks up and leading by 27 shots at 15 ends, Dinas faced a fightback by Llanbradach, who pegged Dinas back to +10 shots at the end.

Rink scores: L Peters, A Locker, T Hurcom, A Jones - 30-15; M Diment, R Diment, D Ireland, P Marks - 12-22; B Griffiths, G Welch, C Bates, B Crutcher - 17-19; D James, J Cole, M Seaford, J Porter - 30-23.

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"Was it really necessary to flash their Filofaxes and mobile phones?" I pondered, a quarter of a century ago.

Things haven't changed much, although Filofaxes seem to have been replaced by dreaded iPhones.

Those who appreciate the finer things in life, and have sufficient funds, have always been drawn to Rolls-Royce. This historic British brand is a byword for quality and those who are fortunate enough to drive one do not need to shout about their suc-

cess.

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If he had just considered what this vehicle actually stands for, he might have reacted differently. The Rolls-Royce is a magnificent example of what Britain can still achieve in terms of engineering and car production.

There is no finer car on the world's roads. In this day and age where most vehicles roll off a production line, the Rolls-Royce is still hand built in Great Britain, at Goodwood, near Chichester to be precise.

All this heritage and craftsmanship realises an asking price of just over £265,000 for the Ghost Extended Wheel Base, a drop in the ocean to highly successful British, American and Chinese business-

men.

In China, due to hugely-inflated taxes on luxury imported vehicles, a Ghost EWB is reported to cost £482,000. Footballer David Beckham has taken delivery of an all-black £250,000 standard wheelbase version in Los Angeles.

My test takes place at a time when there are 170 storm alerts across the UK. As the Ghost makes its way along Britain's sodden roads, the engine is a mere whisper – just like a ghost.

The journey to the National Trust's Petworth House in West Sussex – to see paintings by Turner and Van Dyck – gives the Rolls a ample opportunity to show its mettle. Not even continual downpours and excess surface water present a problem to the larger-than-life Roller.

Travelling – at no matter what speed – is thoroughly relaxing for any passenger. If urgency is necessary,

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The Rolls-Royce extended wheel base.

then a push of the accelerator into the deep pile blue carpet will effortlessly power the 6.6-litre V12 from 0 to 60mph in 4.8 seconds and on to 155mph.

Driving from A to B is a grand occasion in the Ghost. Finished in Midnight Sapphire with a striking contrasting silver bonnet it is both opulent and elegant. Interestingly, the first Rolls-Royces had two-tone paintwork.

The extra 170mm (the EWB measures 5,569mm long com-

pared to the 5,399mm of the SWB model) provides rear passengers with a massive quantity of leg room, making it particularly well-suited to those over six feet tall such as entrepreneur Peter Jones. If he hasn't got one already, this comes highly recommended.

The entire cabin is spacious, light and airy, helped by the cream leather upholstery and the electric 'tilt and slide' panorama sunroof.

This modern Rolls

hasn't forgotten its roots – the traditional design has received an injection of modernity with its chunky and purposeful appearance. Both the interior and exterior hark back to Rolls-Royces of old.

A striking characteristic is the old fashioned gear shift – a gear lever is located to the right of the steering wheel – push this downwards for selecting drive mode on the eight-speed box as well as reverse, neutral and park.

This certainly helps to set the elegant Rolls-Royce apart from the crowd. Additionally, the steering wheel harks back to classic cars – reminding me of my late grandfather's 50 year-old Rover 75, which I drove a few times.

Just like that fine car, there is an abundance of chrome, wood and leather but with the addition of satellite navigation and heated front and rear seats. The front centre armrest and the door inserts mirror the

Midnight Sapphire of the exterior.

On start-up, a wooden cover on the dash retracts to reveal an information panel, which displays among other things the vehicle status highlighting any issues such as when a service is due.

When the Rolls is unlocked the magnificent Spirit of Ecstasy automatically rises. It retracts when the car is locked. This can be operated from inside the vehicle, too. Also referred to as Emily, Silver Lady or Flying Lady, this work of art was designed by Charles Sykes.

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The push of a button

sees the heavy rear doors close under their own steam. Rear occupants are treated to highly polished wooden picnic tables and multimedia screens, controls for which are mounted on the rear armrest. The boot automatically opens and closes, also at the push of a button.

Safety is paramount and its sophisticated cruise control intelligently keeps the Rolls at a safe distance behind the car in front. It also accelerates and brakes.

All in all, the Rolls-Royce Ghost Extended Wheel Base is as you would expect from a vehicle costing in excess of quarter of a million pounds. It is a splendid achievement to both build and own.

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Back to back wins see the Cowbridge Seconds move top

DUE to early season scheduling problems Cowbridge 2nd XI faced not only the usual league fixture on a Saturday, but also a further game on the Sunday.

First off, Cowbridge entertained Briton Ferry Steel; a side who had been relegated from the first division the previous season.

Captain Jonty Webb lost the toss and Cowbridge were invited to bat. Both Chris Ross and Jonty Webb got off to a good start, running well between the wickets and finding the boundary on occasions.

Chris was unluckily bowled for 23, but the score continued to rise with Richard Finnucane giving good support to the captain.

Unfortunately, both Jonty Webb (41) and

Richard (29) went in quick succession, which left Cowbridge at risk of not being able to post a competitive total.

However, the Rowland partnership of Sean and Nick batted sensibly and managed to push Cowbridge to a total of 160 off 50 overs.

Briton Ferry got off to a good start with their innings and the score rose steadily. Despite one wicket for Umar Rafique, Briton Ferry reached 85 off 25 overs and were seemingly on course to secure victory.

A change was needed and with the introduction of Matthew Keating the tide of the match altered significantly.

The Briton Ferry batsmen were simply unable to counter Matthew's accuracy and spin. Wickets began to tumble and with Ian Evans (3 for 7) providing support at the other end Briton

Ferry started to teeter on the brink of defeat.

Despite this, Cowbridge were unable to take the final wicket with Briton Ferry finishing on 140 for 9 off their 50 overs.

This was a terrific fight back by Cowbridge with Matthew Keating bowling superbly to finish with figures of 5 for 33.

From this result Cowbridge knew that if they beat Gorseinon on Sunday then they would be top of the league.

The Gorseinon match was not nearly as exciting as the Briton Ferry game, with Cowbridge totally dominating the visiting Swansea side.

They were simply too strong as Gorseinon limped to only 118 off their 50 overs.

This total was then reached by Cowbridge off 30 overs with only the loss of three wickets – Chris Ross making a well-made 41.

This comprehensive victory for Cowbridge meant that they now sit eight points ahead of the second-place side with hopes of maintaining this position for the rest of the season. JW

BARRY Athletic CC 1st XI celebrated one of its most successful weekends with victory over former Division One outfit Croesyceiliog CC in their first league match of the season, following this up with a very impressive win against current Premier League leaders Mumbles CC in the Welsh Cup.

On Saturday, the 1st XI took to the field against Croesyceiliog with captain Nathan Baker winning the toss on a hard looking wicket – choosing to bat first.

Gavin White (26) and Nathan Baker (45) opened the innings for Barry and produced some excellent scoring shots to get them off to a superb start.

Having looked good for the first 15 overs, Barry quickly found themselves at 64-2 having lost both White and Provis very cheaply to

poor shot selection. Rhett Jones (22) and Baker settled the ship and put on a partnership of 52 before both fell victims to poor shot selection off Kear and Miles respectively, which left Barry on 116-4 after 29 overs.

This brought Ian Gadd to the crease and with his guile and determination he dug deep and produced a magnificent innings to get Barry into a very strong position after 50 overs.

With contributions off A Baker (13) and Paul Murphy (24), Gadd finished on 63 not out and Barry closed the innings on 230-7. Selected figures for Croesyceiliog were T Kear (10-2-27-2) and C Miles (10-0-34-1).

Looking to take quick early wickets, Barry raced through the first 20 overs in no time at all and Croesyceiliog found themselves on 43-2.

John Gee was at his usual best returning figures of 10-4-16-1, which put Barry in an incredibly strong position coming up to the half-way point of the innings.

Peter Hellyar was still doing his bit for Barry Athletic and returned impressive figures of 10-3-21-1 to leave the opposition on 81-4 after 30 overs.

Some resistance came from C Miles (46) and 13-year-old W Davey (31), who put on a fifth wicket partnership of 63, to leave them on 142-6 off 40 overs.

A superb catch from Gavin White brought the

end of Miles' innings off the bowling of Paul Murphy. Steve Jones was entered back into the attack to go in search of the last few wickets as bonus points became essential at that stage.

Jones took the wicket of Davey with a sharp catch off Baker behind the stumps, but full bonus points evaded Barry as Croesyceiliog ended up on 178-8 at the close, leaving Barry with a 52-run win and 19 points. Steve Jones returned with figures of 8-1-32-3.

On Sunday, there were two changes made to the starting XI with Scott Malpas and Andrew Buckland being brought in. Again, Nathan Baker won the toss and elected to bat against the Premier League opposition.

Barry got off to the worst possible start when they lost Gavin White in the second over to a sharp stumping down the leg side off the bowling of Griffiths. Nathan Baker (20) played some excellent cricket shots to kick start the innings but fell again to the bowling of Griffiths to leave Barry at 27-2 off six overs.

Stephen Provis (45) and Rhett Jones (28) continued to play aggressively and quickly put on a 70-run partnership before both wickets fell cheaply to the bowling of Brown in the space of three overs.

Four quick wickets fell in the space of six overs and Barry found themselves struggling

on 116-8 off 28 overs.

Steve Jones joined Andrew Buckland at the crease and started to consolidate the Barry innings and went about ticking the run rate over. They put on 38 for the ninth wicket and took Barry into a comfortable position after 35 overs.

Buckland scored a magnificent 91 not out and really staked a claim for a regular first team place. Gee and Buckland put on 80 runs in the last 10 overs and put Barry into a formidable position at the close (234-9).

Barry went in search of some quick early wickets and they got their reward in the second over when Steve Jones picked up the wicket of Seaton to leave the hosts 3-1.

A Griffiths produced some powerful stroke play to hit a quick fire 56 but fell victim to Gavin

White as he returned superb figures of 9-1-29-3 to reduce the visitors to 98-5 off 24 overs.

The game was falling more and more into Barry's hands and when Paul Murphy took the wicket of Phillips, Mumbles' innings started to collapse and a certain victory became closer. Stephen Provis returned with figures of 9-0-27-3 to mop up the tail and a terrific victory was complete.

On Sunday, the 3rd XI, under the captaincy of Andy Ellis, took to the field for the first time this season away against local rivals Llantwit Major with 10 players due to the unavailability of several players due to Welsh Cup call-ups and school/college exams.

Despite the disadvantage, they saw a narrow victory home.

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A QUESTION THE WRU REVIEW NEEDS TO ASK...

Are the four Welsh regions providing value for money?

AS the curtain slowly descends on an eventful season of curiously mixed fortunes for the enigma that is Welsh rugby, the slightly unreal focus shifts to the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff for Saturday's visit by the Barbarians, the 'Red Arrows' display team of world rugby.

Leaving aside the debatable question of whether the fixture should really rank as a capped international – against what is, after all, a disparate group of players cobbled together to form the world's most famous invitation side – it does at least give an extra opportunity for players who are not quite on the frontline grid to impress the Wales management in a competitive environment.

If only as an incentive, therefore, the rationale behind the WRU's decision to award Welsh caps (unlike England who hammered the Barbarians 57-26 on Sunday) has some merit – and surely no-one will begrudge that peerless Welsh servant, Martyn Williams, his last chance to join the exclusive rugby centenarians' club?

Either way, the match will play no real part in the thinking of the Wales camp, which will soon have bigger fish to fry with a daunting three-test tour of Australia coming up next month.

Under head coach Warren Gatland, the season has seen the squad continue its steady progression towards the stated goal of long-term consistency, having followed up last autumn's widely-acclaimed World Cup exploits with a third Grand Slam in the space of seven years.

Inexplicably, though, this progress has certainly not been mirrored in the inconsistent performances of the next tier down – the four Welsh regions. After almost a decade since controversially taking over the mantle of the old top class clubs with the over-hasty introduction of professionalism, they still blow hot and cold, and have singularly failed to make much of an impact in Europe. In fairness, the Ospreys on Sunday went some way to restoring a vestige of

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

Welsh pride with their stupendous 31-30 victory over champions Leinster in the RaboDirect Pro12 league final.

However, this has to be viewed in the context of the four Welsh regions' lacklustre record overall in Europe compared with their Irish counterparts, who regularly reach the final of the Heineken Cup, and this year totally monopolised it in Leinster's stirring showdown with Ulster at Twickenham.

Leinster may have been deprived of a notable 'double', last weekend, but the fact remains that they have now won the coveted Heineken trophy three times in four years. Munster have also won twice, and Ulster once. (Ironically, this success has not been mirrored in the performance of their national team!)

A clutch of French and English clubs, too, usually have little problem in stepping up a gear to meet the bigger international challenge.

The well-ventilated problems on and off the field that afflict cash-strapped Welsh regions in competition with more affluent rivals in a professional era, are undoubtedly real and complex, hence the WRU's decision to conduct a thorough review of the regions' financial structure.

However, the Irish have surely proved that funding issues alone cannot explain why our Welsh regions continually fail to make an impact, not only in Europe, but among their own regional fan base – as evidenced by the all too frequent sight of half empty stadiums, even on the big set-piece occasions.

Sadly, this situation will undoubtedly continue until all four finally grasp the true meaning of regional rugby, disdain divisive cries like 'Cardiff! Cardiff!' and 'Newport! Newport!' that still ring out from the terraces – and genuinely shoulder the responsibility that comes with WRU cash, to be truly inclusive of the wider region they claim to represent.

Only then can they start the task of wooing back the wide-

spread legions of alienated fans who presently do not 'connect' with them – and despair of seeing the kind of exciting, winning rugby regularly served up by the Irish regions and others to packed stadiums of the faithful.

If they cannot or will not do so, serious consideration should surely be given, even at this late stage, to redefining the geography of the Welsh regions – perhaps (dare I say it?) through amalgamation – if a fifth region is still deemed impractical.

It could also be a timely opportunity to correct the critical error made when the regions were first divided up and that fervent rugby hotbed, the Valleys, was effectively disenfranchised.

Resentment still smoulders over the premature demise of potentially the strongest (and arguably the most passionately committed) region of them all, the Celtic Warriors.

It should certainly be something for the WRU to ponder in any close-season talks over regional funding, as it seeks an answer to the starkly-yawning gulf between the on-field performance of the national squad and the regions, whose players are pretty much one and the same!

After all, he who pays the piper calls the tune and as keeper of the game's purse, the WRU has a clear duty to ask the question that is on many people's lips: are the Welsh regions providing full value for money?

What do GEM readers think? Can the present four regions get their act together?

WALES TEAM v BARBARIANS

Liam Williams (Scarlets); Harry Robinson (Blues), Andrew Bishop (Ospreys), James Hook (Perpignan), Aled Brew (Dragons); Dan Biggar (Ospreys), Lloyd Williams (Blues); Rhys Gill (Saracens), Matthew Rees (Scarlets) captain, Rhodri Jones (Scarlets), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Ian Evans (Ospreys), Josh Turnbull (Scarlets), Justin Tipiric (Ospreys), Ryan Jones (Ospreys). Replacements: Richard Hibbard (Ospreys), Paul James (Ospreys), Aaron Shingler (Scarlets), Martyn Williams (Blues), Rhys Webb (Ospreys), Adam Warren (Scarlets), Will Harries (Dragons).

Sully firsts bounce back with fine victory

SULLY Centurions' First XI bounced back from last week's defeat by beating Usk and regaining top slot in the Premier League.

After putting the visitors in, Centurions were made to toil in the sun as Burns and Perrett put on a daunting 150 for the first wicket. Burns eventually

fell to a Mike O'Shea run out for 62.

Perrett and Cooke then added another 70 before James Sylvester removed Cooke for 38, with the first of his three wickets. Perrett eventually fell lbw to Sylvester for a well-made 109, with the score on 230 for 3.

James (30 not out) and Clayton (another victim of James Sylvester for 14) put on another 40 and the innings closed on 275 for 4 – a huge target to chase.

After the break, Mike O'Shea and Ryan Sylvester took up the challenge – finding the boundary with ease as they put on 128 for the first wicket. When Mike fell to Oliver James for 65, Ryan was joined by skipper Lloyd Smith, who also enjoyed himself, hitting three sixes and nine fours in his 80 not out.

Ryan found the boundary 15 times as he reached another century. No further wickets were lost and Centurions registered a nine-wicket victory after just 38 overs.

Sully 277/1 Usk 275/4.

FINE WIN AT USK

The Second XI travelled to Usk and ran out winners, thanks in no small way to another great batting performance from Roger Clitheroe.

The home side batted first, with Tamplin and Kear enjoying themselves as they shared a stand of 148 before Kear was trapped lbw by Shae Ellis for 58.

Then two quick wickets for Lloyd Bruce swung the momentum in Centurions' favour before Tamplin shared another partnership – this time with Rees for 29 before Bruce struck again to remove Rees for 14. Gareth Davies chipped in with a wicket before the innings closed on 240 for 6, with Tamplin reaching 104 not out.

After tea, Roger Clitheroe and skipper Matthew Thomas set about chasing down the target. Things didn't look too promising as first Thomas (23) and then Shae Ellis (4) were out to Cook and Smith respectively. However, Gareth Davies joined Clitheroe and the pair added 68 for the third wicket

when Davies was out for 44.

Cameron Sleeth then helped Roger move the score along to 181 – hitting 28 before becoming the second of Smith's three victims. Centurions then survived the loss of Owain Sullivan for four before Lloyd Bruce (six not out) joined Clitheroe. Roger Clitheroe ended on an unbeaten 116 to see Sully home in the 48th over.

Usk 240/5 Sully 242/5.

THIRDS EASE TO VICTORY

The Third XI hosted Aberdare at Wenvoe and ran out easy winners in the end.

An innings of 48 from Ben Spear was the mainstay of the Centurions total, but at 131 all out, it didn't look as though the victory was secured at the half way stage.

After tea, Aberdare were soon in trouble as the Centurions bowlers took control. Sam Banga and Ieuan Ridout grabbed three wickets each with some accurate bowling that put a stranglehold on the match. Wickets tumbled as the visitors found it hard to score runs, with the final score of 71 all out giving Sully a victory by 60 runs.

Sully 131 all out Aberdare 71 all out.

SO NEAR FOR 9-MAN FOURTHS

The Fourth XI travelled to Pontllanfraith with only nine men, but put up a great fight to almost snatch an unlikely victory before falling ten runs short.

Young Adam Sylvester (2 for 38) and Ricky Griffith (1 for 36) gave Centurions some hope with accurate bowling, ably followed up by Mark Burnett's 10 overs – 2 for 27.

However, a lack of available bowling meant that skipper Mick Fisher needed to find 15 more overs from part time bowlers.

The Pontllanfraith batsmen took advantage and the score started to creep upwards, as Centurions visibly wilted in the sun. Fowles (48) and skipper Darling (43) helped steer the score past the 200 mark, finding the gaps in the field with some regu-

larity. But Sully stuck to the task and Steve Morse (1 for 31) Tom Johnson (1 for 32) and Mick Fisher, with 2 for 41, helped to grab four bowling points as Pontllanfraith ended on 211 for 9 after the 45 overs.

After a lovely tea Centurions lost Terry Sylvester for four, but this brought Ricky Griffith and Mark Burnett together and they began building a significant partnership before Mark fell lbw to Darling for 34.

Ricky was joined by Paul Harrison who hit an entertaining 39 to help the score along towards the 150 mark, with Ricky finding the boundary regularly. Then Adam Sylvester hit a very good 20 and there seemed to be some chance that Centurions would do the impossible and snatch a victory.

But the dream wasn't realised as Ricky Griffith was left high and dry on a wonderful 75 not out and Sully were all out for 201.

A disappointment, but what a game!

Pontllanfraith II 211/9 Sully 201 all out

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GLAMORGAN GEM SPORTS EXTRA

Vale Schools win the DC Thomas cup final!

LAST Saturday at the Millennium Stadium saw the Vale District Schools take on Pontypool District Schools in what turned out to be an excellent display of rugby.

Conditions were perfect, sunshine filled the stadium and the Vale Schools, in their new commemorative strip, looked sharp as they kicked off at the start of the game.

Captain Tomos Jac with Jack Little, Ellis Smith and Cai Lloyd did some great work in recovering the ball for Ruben Williams to burst through and with the help of Iestyn Fenn, Luke Connor and Ben Jones almost drove over in the corner in the first few seconds of the game.

Great Pontypool defence secured the ball which resulted in a kick downfield only for Iwan Hadfield to gather and set up an attack with Aron Arthur and Barney Langton showing excellent pace to set up another try scoring opportunity.

These frenetic few minutes settled with the Vale on top but Pontypool, who were considered favourites by some before the game, kept the ball tight with some driving mauls and broke into the Vale's 22.

Against the run of play Pooler forwards showed their strength and drove over near the corner to open the scoring with an unconverted try.

From the kick off Pontypool began to show some form and recovered well and drove into the heart of the Vale defensive line. Crunching tackles from Iwan Hadfield, Aron Arthur, Evan Thomas, Barney Langton and Jamie Howells showed there was no way through.

With the Vale forwards now gaining the ball at the breakdown and with Iwan Williams snipping around the fringes the Vale were on the attack again.

Mikey Bosley switched play across the field and with great offloading the Vale broke into the defending

sides 22. From a resulting breakdown Tomas Jac and Ben Jones fed Ruben Williams who this time took several defenders over the try line with him for the Vale's first score, converted by Iwan Williams.

The Vale went into the half 7-5 ahead. Evan Thomas at fly half was now orchestrating matters and one such move resulted in Barney Langton crashing through tackles and popping the ball off to Mikey Bosley, who had drifted into midfield. He then cut inside the drifting defence and, tackled, off loaded to supporting player Evan Thomas who ran in to double the Vale's try count.

Iwan Williams, on top kicking form, slotted another difficult conversion to increase their lead to 14-5.

The Gwent side kicked long from the restart. Desperate to turn the game in their favour they threw everything into attack. Courageous defence by Jamie Howells and Ben Jones held up an early try scoring opportunity.

Pontypool began to

put on the pressure but from a resulting scrum just outside the Vale's 5 meter line Evan Thomas kicked out of defence. Mikey Bosley raced up and put pressure on the opposing winger who fumbled the ball and with a great pick up he sprinted into the Pooler half and evaded the fast approaching cover defence, to finish a 70 meter run to score under the posts.

With victory in their sights and only minutes to go and in control, substitutes Will Parsons, Jack Dixon and Lewis Hawk continued some fine ball handling to close off the game, or so we thought.

Pontypool were playing to different script and began some powerful attacks. Lewis Bumford and Ben Batten scuppered one sniping break for the Pooler scrum half. Substitutes James Rees and Dan Hicks put in some text book tackles as soon as they ran on to the pitch.

However Pontypool forwards were rampaging and went over. With a converted try narrowed the score.

Dramatically straight from the restart with seconds left of the game they again powered their way over under the posts, converted and brought the scores to 21-19.

Unfortunately it was all too late for them as the referee indicated last play at the kick off and the ball went out of play from a Pontypool hand to the delight of the Vale team. What an incredible finish to a remarkable game of quality rugby. Congratulations to all players showing commitment and skills beyond their years.

This is a great reward for all the coaches and officials of the Vale district who have worked hard throughout the season; big thanks from all the parents for a great day that will stay in the memories forever.

Squad: Ellis Smith, Cai Lloyd, Jack Little, Luke Connor, Iestyn Fenn, Ben Jones, Tomos Jac (captain), Ruben Williams, Iwan Williams, Evan Thomas, Mike Bosley, Barney Langton, Aron Arthur, Jamie Howells, Iwan Hadfield, Will Parsons, Jack Dixon, Lewis Hawk, James Rees, Dan Hicks, Lewis Bumford, Ben Batten.

Coaches: Mr Duncan Motram, Mr Ty Golding, Mr Paul Smith, Mr Mark Middlemiss, Mr Tim Edwards; secretary Mr Paul Tucker and chairman Mr Richard Ware.

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CENTURIONS MAKE SWALEC PROGRESS

SULLY Centurions travelled to Port Talbot on Sunday to play in the Swalec Premier League 20/20 Festival.

First up was Bridgend, who had lost to the hosts in their opening match. Sully's opening pair of Ryan Sylvester and Adam Shanthy put on 60 for the first wicket, averaging 10 an over, before Ryan was out for 37.

Lloyd Smith continued his great batting form as he and Shanthy reached 131 before the former Glamorgan player was dismissed, stumped for 28. Lloyd was eventually bowled for a very good 64, which left time for a couple of quickfire innings from Rowe and Ready, who hit 17 and 18 respectively, as Centurions ended on an impressive 181 for 5.

Former Sully man David Goodway, captaining for the day, opened the Bridgend batting along with Baker and he top scored with 36, eventually falling to a great catch on the boundary from Lloyd Smith, off the bowling of Tom Evison. Sully's bowlers always had the upper hand and the runs were hard to come by for the young Bridgend side.

Contributions of 26 from Davies, 23 from Pierce and 17 from Dalton helped get the score to 120 at the end, but the target was never in reach. Two wickets each for Lloyd Bruce and Tom Evison, along with tight bowling from the rest, ensure that Centurions won by a margin of 61 runs.

Sully 181/5 Bridgend 120/4.

The second match was

a different affair altogether, with Centurions having to dig deep to secure a victory that looked in doubt for some time.

Once again batting first, Sully's opening pair were pegged back by some very good bowling from the Port Talbot bowlers. Ryan Sylvester went for 14 and Adam Shanthy had only reached 4 before being out with the score on 29 for 2.

Skipper Lloyd Smith hit 24 and Richard Ready 8 to leave the score on 77 for 4 with just 6 overs remaining. However, a great knock of 68 not out by Daniel Rowe, with good support from Charlie Lowen (16) gave Sully hope, eventually reaching 148 with no further loss after the 20 overs.

After the early dismissal of Griffiths by Jamie Sylvester, with the score on just 17, Port Talbot settled in to take the game to the Centurions attack and a

second wicket partnership of 51 between Dan Cherry and Ian Thomas put the hosts firmly in the driving seat. At the halfway stage the score stood at 85 for 2 and the Pirates fans were in good voice.

But things changed dramatically as first Richard Ready removed the dangerous Ian Thomas for 38 and Ryan Sylvester got Cherry for 18. This paved the way for a remarkable spell from Tom Evison, grabbing 3 for 16, including a fantastic caught and bowled to dismiss Cox.

Port Talbot fell more and more behind the required run rate and in the end could only reach 126 before the close.

This means that Sully will progress to the finals day at the Swalec Stadium in July. No doubt the Centurions' fans will be there in good numbers (and in good voice) on the day.

Sully 148 for 4 Port Talbot 126 for 9.

MF

Under-12s close season with a fine display

LLANTWIT Major under-12s played their last game of the season against Whitchurch.

The first was by Oliver Rowbottom, picking up from the back of the scrum and going down an open blind side to cross under the posts, which Lewis Brown converted.

The second try came from some loose play when the ball was bouncing around the

floor, and Morgan Long picked up before passing to Steffan Bugler to score; the conversion was missed.

The third was scored by Joe Boxsall, which started with some strong play by the forwards, who controlled their Whitchurch counterparts all day, and the ball was let go to the backs to pass the ball all the way across the line for Joe to score in the corner.

Number four was scored by Lewis Brown, who stepped inside the defence to score under the posts; Lewis converted. The final try of the half was scored by Lloyd Richards; the conversion was missed.

In the second half, Llantwit scored again through Stefan Bugler crossing for his second, which saw the conversion missed.

Whitchurch scored but Llantwit got their final try when Ben Burrows crossed after the forwards got him within five metres of the line, and he picked up from the base and powered his way over.

Whitchurch scored their second try, but the conversion was missed.

Final score: 39-12 to Llantwit.

The coaching staff would like to thank all the boys and their parents for their support this season, and hopefully we can move on to better things next year.

MP

BARRY VETERANS TAKE ON THE MIGHT OF EUROPE!

AFTER a two year absence, Barry Vets returned to their French friends at Beauvais for their annual invitational Tournoi.

With quite a few new faces coupled with the experienced Vets of Chucas, Baker and Delaney this boded for a great spectacle of flowing rugby.

As always the hosts provided their normal welcoming Friday hospitality, resulting in three of the older Vets missing the first match and with the seven game format of 12 minute games being explained to the fresh faces, Barry had to strengthen their squad. To this end we were very grateful for the camaraderie of several local players donating the Barry shirt.

We kicked off the Tournoi against a Breigny team and played up the slope. Special mention goes to No 10 Phillips for having a great game and making a decisive break deep into their 22, only for a misplaced place to prevent Barry scoring. The game was drawn with neither side managing to break down the others defence in a fast flowing game.

The next two games were played against Clermont and eventual winners Blayes with Barry competing well against both.

The hosts then slipped in lunch to prevent Barry gaining a stranglehold on the Tournoi. Pomme frites and some sausage didn't help preparations with water being replaced by some nutritional 'bieres' by some.

Barry dusted themselves off for the assault on their remaining four opponents. The first game was against the only other side suffer-

ing more than Barry, Tillycoultry from Scotland.

This game will be long remembered for the brilliant Barbarian try that we scored to win the match.

After weathering the expectant Scottish attacks, Barry turned over ball. Special mention goes to No 8 David, the youthful Lundy and Mephah for their counter rucking skills.

The ball was quickly transferred to McTavish who set off interlinking passes with Lee before the ball effortlessly came to the Robinson who duly put the ball down over the whitewash.

The next game was played back to back against a visiting Triari side from Rome. With a quick change around with Phillips aggravating an old injury, Barry had a new look No 10, McTavish. His break out at speed from our 22 up the pitch to an all most certain scoring opportunity still brings a smile to the author. With Moffat on his shoulder, McTavish had a rush of blood and passed superbly off his left side to the only Triari player near him, a very relieved looking winger.

After a mix up in the Barry backs we were penalised and for once Jones couldn't steal ball and despite sound defence the Italians started dreaming of beating the Welsh side after being out of the game.

As normally happens when a side is so much on top and doesn't capitalise on their possession, the Italians utilised a break down in our Anglo/French backs and scored late on.

How Barry failed to score against a Charleroi side from Belgium still beggars belief, but Barry played magnificently.

Mention must go to the Charleroi defence which was superb. The ever youthful Chucas playing full back was a sight for all to see especially trying to run away from a centre half his age!

The last game quite rightly was against the hosts Beauvais. With the author's record of three wins and only one loss against them, the prospects were good.

When 'Yannick' equalised an early Beauvais score, Barry went for the win. Jones appeared to have scored and after a doubtful refereeing decision the hosts were given a scrum.

This was passive and the ball was fed out to the winger with Robinson unable to match his speed. Barry went down to a late brace of tries.

Team: N Lundy, C Chucas, P Haley, S Mephah, A Moffat (captain), L Jones, M Baker, L David, P Griffiths, M Phillips, J McTavish, N Boffy, D Robinson, B Mills. Manager P Delaney.

Scrummies Pat Jones, Carrie Baker, Michelle David and Sharon Haley should be thanked for the refreshments, especially Pat on the return leg.

The final tally of won five lost two will be remembered by the new Vets who will surely return many times more. Barry returned home with a trophy, not as winners but as competitors in a fantastic weekend of 'Entente Cordial'.

Special mention to out French amis Yannick, Benoit, Kristian, Thomas and Javier during the day who helped bolster the Welsh side. Saturday night's entertainment was as usual superb, with many staying late; congratulations to all.

ACM

The Cadoxton bowlers suffer Munro Cup loss

SULLY was the venue for this Munro Cup match against Cadoxton, which resulted in a home win.

Howard Craven had Carl Best as his opposing skip and came back from 5-0 down to lead 9-8 after eleven ends. The remaining 7 ends all went in favour of the visitors, to claim a convincing win. However, that was the only success for Cadoxton with the three rinks losing by a total of 22 shots.

Scores: B Knight, G Solomon, J Sugden, G Brown 11 - 17 A David, S Dibble, D Edwards, J Best; S Clements, M Mathews, G Davies, H Craven 21 - 8 A Rees, B Curtis, D Hitchcock, C Best; J Stacey, H Hellyar, R Cole, D Kuhnell 10 - 22 G Pryer, C Michael, H Thomas, B Griffiths; G Powell, D Fanning, J Stewart, L Davies 14 - 18 K Lewis, A Thomas, HL Jones, I Patterson.

Final score: 56 - 65.

CADOXTON VS SULLY - FRIENDLY

The Saturday game was the third visit to Sully, in a week. This time it was a friendly fixture prior to the league starting next week.

Howard Craven had another substantial win on his rink. Kelvin

Chedgzy returned to the team, after illness, to produce another good result with his four. These successes were enough to win the game overall, despite defeats for the other two rinks.

Scores: P Ellis, W Vaughan, J Crout, H Craven 19 - 9; T Bishop, I Dunbar, D Brook, G Brown 15 - 20; L Adams, L Cundliffe, D Kuhnell 11 - 22; G Solomon, H Hellyar, L Davies, K Chedgzy 24 - 13.

Final score: 69 - 64.

CADOXTON 'A' V ROMILLY - FRIENDLY
The 'A' side also had a friendly match, at home, against a strong side from Romilly who took command from the start and triumphed on all rinks.

Scores: L Tanner, J Stewart, G Davies 14 - 22 T Bloomfield, C Geen, G Cogbill, B Foscolo; G Powell, K Tanner, M Curtis, R Harding 12 - 22 M Gershenon, M Doyle, F Phillips, M Newman; L Tanner, R Doble, B Knight, S Clarke 9 - 22 J Coles, D Shackell, R Hewitson, A Bryan; D Collard, L Little, J Sugden, G Garland 9 - 25 P Gershenon, J Jones, G Eastment, D Wright.

Final score: 44 - 91

DK